

DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES

DISCUSSION GUIDES

EVERY MONDAY

Discussion Guide

Sunday Sermon 6.7.26



Part 27: The Impact of the Resurrection

This guide is designed to help your family or group take what was taught on Sunday and move from simply hearing the information to applying it in ways that build up and encourage one another. Feel free to adjust the depth and number of questions based on your time and the size of your group.

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OPENING PRAYER

Based on 1 Corinthians 15:12-28

Opening Prayer

Begin your group time by thanking God for His presence and asking the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion and open hearts to His truth about the resurrection.

Ice Breaker

Share a time when you had to defend what you believe to someone who didn't share your faith. How did that experience affect you?

Key Scripture

"But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep." - 1 Corinthians 15:20

Sermon Summary

Paul addresses those in Corinth who were denying the resurrection, showing them the catastrophic implications if Christ had not risen. The resurrection is not just a nice addition to Christianity—it is the foundation of everything we believe. Without it, our faith is empty, our sins remain, and we have no hope. But because Christ IS risen, we have forgiveness, hope, and a guaranteed future.

Discussion Questions

Understanding the Text

1. **Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 together.** What are the specific consequences Paul lists if there is no resurrection? Why does he emphasize these so strongly?

2. The pastor mentioned that the resurrection is "God's signature of acceptance and approval on the price Jesus paid for our sins." What does this mean to you personally?
3. How does the concept of Jesus as "firstfruits" (verse 20) help us understand God's plan for our own resurrection?

Personal Reflection

4. The sermon asked: "If you believe in the resurrection, does the world know you believe it?" How would you honestly answer that question about your own life?
5. The pastor challenged us to examine what our faith has embraced—Jesus or ourselves. What are some practical ways people trust in themselves rather than in Christ? Have you struggled with this?
6. How does believing in the resurrection change the way you face:
 - Daily challenges?
 - Your own mortality?
 - Relationships with unbelievers?

Going Deeper

7. **Read Romans 5:12-21** (referenced in the sermon). How does understanding Adam's curse help you appreciate what Christ accomplished through His resurrection?
 8. The sermon stated that Christ is "currently the reigning victor" over sin and death. How should this reality affect our daily lives and decisions?
 9. The pastor said, "Stop whining. Stop complaining... and start focusing on one thing and one thing alone and that is your walk with God." Why is it so easy to focus on others' problems instead of our own relationship with God? What needs to change?
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Key Takeaways

If there were **NO** resurrection:

- There would be nothing to preach and nothing to believe
- There would be no forgiveness of sins
- There would be no hope beyond the present

Because Christ IS risen:

1. Our resurrection is guaranteed
 2. The curse of Adam is reversed
 3. Jesus is currently reigning as victor
 4. Death will be destroyed once and for all
 5. The kingdom will be delivered to the Father
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Practical Application

This Week's Challenge:

Personal Audit: Take time this week to honestly evaluate:

- Does my daily life reflect belief in a risen Savior?
- Am I living with eternity in mind or just focused on the temporary?
- What specific changes do I need to make to "redeem the time" I have been given?

Action Steps:

1. **Share Your Faith:** Identify one person in your life who doesn't know Christ. Pray for them daily and look for an opportunity to share the hope of the resurrection with them this week.
 2. **Express Gratitude:** Each morning this week, begin your day by thanking God specifically for the resurrection and what it means for you (forgiveness, hope, guaranteed future).
 3. **Examine Your Focus:** Write down what you spend the most time thinking about, talking about, or worrying about. Is it your walk with God, or is it other people's problems and failures? Commit to redirecting your focus.
 4. **Live Like You Believe:** Choose one area where you will intentionally live differently this week because Christ is alive (your attitude at work, how you treat your family, your response to difficulties, etc.).
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Closing Reflection

The pastor asked: "Are you a real disciple of Jesus?" This is not about your Sunday morning experience but about your daily walk with God.

Take a moment of silence for personal reflection:

- Have I truly placed my faith in Jesus alone?
 - Am I living like someone who believes He is alive and coming again?
 - What needs to change starting today?
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Prayer Focus

- Pray for group members to have a deeper revelation of what the resurrection means personally
 - Pray for boldness to share the gospel with unbelievers
 - Pray for focus and discipline to prioritize our walk with God above all else
 - Pray for any specific needs or struggles shared during the discussion
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For Next Week

Read 1 Corinthians 15:29-34 in preparation for the next discussion. Consider how the reality of the resurrection should impact our daily choices and priorities.

Leader Notes

- Be prepared for honest discussion about doubts or struggles with faith
- Create a safe space for vulnerability—many Christians struggle to live like they truly believe
- Emphasize grace while also challenging complacency
- If someone in your group is unsure of their salvation, be ready to share the gospel clearly and offer to talk with them further