

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Message: *Resurrection Sunday - April 12, 2020.*

Speaker: Shawn Vandop – Lead Pastor



Connect (15-20min) – share refreshments.-

1. RESURRECTION SUNDAY

- Invite one person to Read [John 11:25-26](#)
- Have another person Open in Prayer.

2. CHECK-IN >> HOW ARE YOU DOING TODAY?

***Have the Group put up their number (with their hands) at the same time for each question.**

a. Focused – Mental Health

*On a scale of 1-10 (10 being Amazing...) – How would you rate your mental health this week?

b. Fit – Physical Health

*On a scale of 1-10 – How would you rate your physical health this week?

c. Filled – Spiritual Health

*On a scale of 1-10 – How would you rate your spiritual health this week?

3. THANKFUL 4

*Using 1 Word Answers – What are 4 Things that you are Thankful For today? Give 30sec to consider & write down.

*Share with the Group: “I’m thankful for 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____.”

*PRAY: Leader – Give Thanks to God and Pray for your Group.

Sunday Message Discussion (35-40min)

1. RESURRECTION SUNDAY - Read [Luke 24:1-9](#)

Your Initial Response:

- What is one initial thing that you notice or learn through this passage?
- What is one initial thing that stood out to you from Shawn’s Message on Sunday?

2. ALL OF OUR EGGS IN ONE BASKET

- Pastor Shawn talked about how the Christian faith places “all of our eggs in one basket” – **The Resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

*Would you agree that The Resurrection is the most important event in history, and our faith? Discuss.

- Read [1 Corinthians 15:1-23, 54-58](#). ***What stands out to you from Paul’s words regarding The Resurrection?**

>> The New Testament would not have been written if The Resurrection didn’t happen.

“If Jesus did not walk out of the tomb then your religion is a waste of time. The tomb, normally a place of endings, became a place of beginnings. Out of it came the new hope of resurrection life. If you’re God’s Child, the same power that raised Jesus from the dead now lives inside of you, energizing your heart and hands.” – Paul David Tripp.

3. EVIDENCE, IMPACT & IMPLICATIONS

- a. i. Have you ever considered the *Evidence, Impact & Implications of The Resurrection of Jesus Christ*?
ii. Would you consider becoming more equipped and empowered with the truth of the Resurrection?

- b. **EVIDENCE:** Which of the evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus connects with you the most, and why?
i. The Empty Tomb ii. The Eye Witness Accounts iii. The New Testament Records
iv. The Faith of Jesus' Family v. The Transformation & Courage of the Disciples & Paul.
vi. The Growth of the Early Church vii. Other Evidence?

- c. **IMPACT & IMPLICATIONS:**
i. How did the Resurrection impact the early Disciples & that ancient world?
ii. How does the Resurrection impact our view of human life (our bodies & souls)?
iii. How does (or how should) the Resurrection impact our present lives and future?

“The point of the Resurrection...is that the present bodily life is not valueless just because it will die...What you do with your body in the present matters because God has a great future in store for it...What you do in the present—by painting, preaching, singing, sewing, praying, teaching, building hospitals, digging wells, campaigning for justice, writing poems, caring for the needy, loving your neighbor as yourself—will last into God's future. These activities are not simply ways of making the present life a little less beastly, a little more bearable, until the day when we leave it behind altogether -- they are part of what we may call building for God's kingdom.”

“Jesus's resurrection is the beginning of God's new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord's Prayer is about.” – N.T. Wright

Application & Prayer (15min)

1. Finish this statement: “If the Resurrection is Real then...”

2. Because JESUS IS ALIVE – How can we Pray for you today?

>> SHARE & PRAY for One Another

Resources

*Scripture: www.openbible.info/topics/resurrection

*Books: Available through Amazon and Christian Book Stores

- [*The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus*](#), Dr. Gary Habermas & Dr. Mike Licona.
- [*Cold-Case Christianity: A Homicide Detective Investigates the Claims of the Gospels*](#), J. Warner Wallace.
- [*The Resurrection of the Son of God*](#), Dr. N.T. Wright.
- [*Surprised By Hope: Rethinking Heaven, Resurrection & The Mission of the Church*](#), Dr. N.T. Wright.

*Online: (Click on the YouTube video links below)

- > [Alpha Film Series – Episode 2 – Who Is Jesus?](#)
- > [One Minute Apologist – Playlist: Resurrection](#)
- > [Hope Thru the Resurrection with Dr. Mike Licona & Dr. Frank Turek](#)
- > [Resurrection Playlist – CrossExamined.org with Dr. Frank Turek](#)

Announcements

*Our NEXT ONLINE LIFE GROUP MEETING: DATE / TIME / LOCATION.

*Weekly Announcements Email

Consider the [Weekly Announcement Email](#) from Main Street Church & sign-up to receive it by email each Thursday.