

Life Group Questions - Mark 16: *He is Lord & We are in Awe*

UNDERSTANDING THE PASSAGE

1. *Main Idea of the Passage:* Jesus rose from the dead
2. *How the main idea is developed:* The partial understanding and belief of Jesus' followers is suddenly confronted with the reality of His resurrection, such that full understanding and belief begin to awaken through the doorway of holy shock.
3. *Melodic Line:* Repent and Believe in the Good News that Jesus is the Suffering Servant King, the Glorious Savior.

Outline

1. Just the beginning
 - A. He is risen
 - B. Reaction
 - i. Wow!
 - a. Trembling, astonished, pondering, afraid = AMAZED.
 - b. The purposeful cliffhanger ending of Mark and hanging question: Wow... who is this man?
 2. Amazing Grace, Amazing Savior
 - A. What is a Christian?
 - i. Beliefs
 - ii. A recipient of what Jesus has done at the cross and in the resurrection and the Holy Spirit is changing you from the inside-out
 - iii. One who loves Jesus
 - iv. Someone who is in fellowship and partnership in a local church that is regularly going and telling the world the Gospel
 - B. Tol-ma-oh begins with amazement at the reality and wider of it all.
 - i. What do we have to step through with Tol-ma-oh?
 - a. Risk of relationship
 - b. Risk of reputation
 - c. Risk of professional status
 - d. Risk of plan B's
 - ii) The script of Tol-ma-oh?
 - a. The resurrection is true, so: a) I am saved; b) I am a citizen of heaven; c) I live within the unending year of Jubilee; d) I know that I will be raised from the dead one day; e) I have the Holy Spirit.
 - iii) Regular and prayerful evangelism will not occur unless the Gospel really has you by the heart

Gospel Centrality

1. Mark 16:6 - And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Warming Up

1. What did you like about this passage?
2. What did you find difficult about this passage?

Letting the Text Shape our Framework

1. What does this passage teach about God?
2. What does this passage teach about people?
3. How does this passage speak to an unbeliever?

Traveling Through the Cross

1. How does the gospel centrality speak to how we are to live out this passage?

Applying This Passage to our Lives

1. How does the resurrection change everything about our lives?
2. What is one way you will seek to live into the fullness of the resurrection?
3. Who will you share this good news with? What area of risk (listed above) brings the most challenge to you?
4. How will you begin praying for tol-ma-oh in this area?