

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



Overview

Sermon: *Stand Firm In It*. Bottom line: *Stand firm in the Good News.*

Do you remember where you were during the tragic attacks of 9 11? I remember watching the Twin Towers fall and feeling intense helplessness. I think in some ways this may have been how the disciples of Jesus felt when they witnessed their friend and Rabbi murdered on the cross. Many lives were lost in the rubble of the Towers collapsing. Memorials have been built to honor those who were killed and today, 17 years later there is ongoing new construction. New York is rebuilding.

The cross was not the last time the disciples of Jesus saw their Master. Jesus rose from the dead and with his resurrection Jesus is rebuilding the lives of those whom the Evil One wishes to destroy. The Apostle Paul experienced the resurrected Lord while traveling to Damascus. It changed his life forever and he became a witness of the Good News of the resurrection to people in the city of Corinth. They have been saved through the gospel but trouble has come their way. Trouble in the form of false witnesses. Paul encourages the Corinth church to remember the Good News even as some among them tried to convince them that there is no hope in the resurrection. His message? Remember the Good News of the resurrection and stand firm in it.

Discussion

1. Do you remember where you were on September 11, 2001? Share your experiences of 9 11 with your group. Take time to share the story of 9 11 with children in your group who may be too young to remember.
2. What do you remember about September 12, 2001? Describe what you experienced in the days that followed. Did you draw close to God or drift away from him? How has that experience shaped your life today?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8. What are your first memories of the crucifixion/resurrection story of Jesus? When did it first seem to matter to you? How has the Good News changed your life?
4. How is the Good News of Jesus sustaining you today? What hardship, doubt, fear, or attack of the evil one has assailed you in the last 6 months?
5. How does your faith in Jesus help you to stand?

Application

6. In what part of your life do you need to stand firm in the Good News of Jesus?
7. Spend time praying over one another to resist the Evil One so that you can stand firm in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray for your loved ones. Pray for the church. Pray for the next generation to be saved.

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