

Life Group Discussion Guide "Did Jesus Really Die and Rise Again?" – John 19:28-20:8 Scott Paulson – March 31, 2024

Main thought:

Among the theories surrounding the resurrection of Jesus, it's important to consider what best accounts for the evidence that we have. The evidence overwhelmingly points to the validity of the bodily resurrection of Jesus which has profound significance.

Ice-Breaker

- Share a highlight from this past week or weekend.
- Share a tradition, or something that you've done on Easter in the past, that has helped make it meaningful and memorable for you.

Digging In

Read John 19:28-42 and discuss the following questions.

- When and where have you encountered the idea that you can't be a thinking Christian? Why and how would you respond to that challenge at this point in your life?
- Why is it important whether you're a Christian or not, to consider the alternative theories for the resurrection of Jesus?
- What stands out to you from the testimony of John in these verses?

Read John 20:1-8 and discuss the following questions.

- What questions or applications come to your mind when you read this account of the empty tomb?
- What is one of the more compelling reasons for you to believe in the resurrection?
- What is one of the more confusing elements for you when it comes to comprehending and believing in the resurrection?
- Why is the resurrection so significant to the Christian faith, and to you?

Application

• What else stood out to you from this past weekend that you learned, or can apply to your life?

Praying as a group

- Who should we be praying comes to trust Jesus?
- How else can we be praying for each other this week?