



BUT WHAT IF IT'S TRUE?

1 Corinthians 15:3-6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New "Better Together" Sermon series starts next week! - who can you invite?
VBS registration opens next Sunday! - Sign your kid up...and sign yourself up to serve while you're at:)

RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN

What is one thing you were totally convinced wasn't true as a kid, but turned out to be real?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-6

- 1) Matt started the message talking about the varying "theories" against the Resurrection having actually happened, as well as circumstantial evidence for the Resurrection. Have you heard any of them before? Did anything surprise you?
- 2) If someone who was not a Christian asked you to make the case for why the resurrection is historically credible, not just spiritually meaningful, what would you say? Where do you feel equipped and where do you feel uncertain?
- 3) What is the difference between intellectual belief that the resurrection happened and actually living like it happened? Where do you see that gap most clearly in your own life?
- 4) Read 1 Corinthians 15:54-57. Paul describes death being "swallowed up in victory." What is the most significant fear about death that you carry, and how does the resurrection speak directly to that fear, if it does?
- 5) When Thomas said he would not believe unless he could see and touch Jesus' wounds, Jesus didn't rebuke him for the doubt. He showed up and met him in it. What does that tell us about how Jesus responds to our own honest skepticism?
- 6) The question "But what if it's true?" is meant to cut through casual familiarity with the Easter story and force genuine reckoning. When did the resurrection last feel genuinely urgent or weighty to you, rather than just familiar? What would look different in your day-to-day life, your generosity, your relationships, your courage, if you were fully operating from the conviction that the resurrection is a present reality, not just a past event?
- 7) How does the resurrection change the way we should think about failure and shame? If Jesus conquered the grave, what does that say about whether our worst moments have the final word over us?
- 8) Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15:58 that because of the resurrection, our "labor in the Lord is not in vain." What is one area of your life, a relationship, a calling, a sacrifice, where you have been tempted to wonder if it even matters? How does this verse speak to that?

ACTION STEP

Have a real conversation with one person this week, a friend, coworker, or family member, who either doesn't believe in the resurrection or has never seriously thought about it. Don't try to win an argument. Just ask what they think happened and listen. Let the question "But what if it's true?" guide the tone: curious, not combative.

Lastly: How can we pray as a group for you as a group? Be honest...