

Hope in the Resurrection

Series: A Hopeful Life

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Scripture: Luke 24:32-34

They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon."

Group Session

Opening Questions

What are some of your earliest memories of Easter? What are your earliest memories of the real meaning of Easter?

Discussing the Scripture & Life

1. Do you know people who don't believe in Christ and the resurrection? What is their belief? Have you ever had doubts? What changed in your life?
2. One of the meanings of the resurrection is that **your worth to God never changes**. In light of eternity, how much does our net worth, our looks, or anything else really matter?
3. Read 1 Peter 1:18-19. What truths can we get from that verse?
4. If you are in Christ, your eternal future is not at risk. How can we know that for sure? Read 1 John 5:13. Do you believe we can know our eternal destiny for sure as John did?
5. Your past is forgivable. Read 1 John 1:9. What does it say about forgiveness? Have you ever had trouble receiving God's forgiveness? Why do you think we struggle with that sometimes?
6. People do different things to become a part of God's plan. Here are some of those ways:
 - a. Some try the "I'll be perfect" plan.
 - b. Some try the "I'll hope I'm good enough" plan.
 - c. Some try the "I'll compare myself to others" plan.
 - d. Some try the "the grace plan", which is God's plan.

Do you know people who are trying some of these plans? Why do some of these seem logical? Have you ever believed any of these plans?

7. When did you come to realize the truth about God's plan? Share your story.

Closing Challenge

Consider which of the plans you are trusting in. Evaluate your beliefs this week and make sure you are on the grace plan. If you are already on it, tell someone else your story this week.