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Life Group Questions: The Power of Easter

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Read

Romans 8:11, Matthew 5:43-45, 18:21-22

Reflect

Jesus said a lot of outrageous things while he was alive and teaching. But by far, the most outrageous thing about Jesus wasn't something he said, but something he did: he rose from the dead. The Resurrection is the turning point of history, when all the plans of God to save his people came to their final, triumphant climax. Spend some time in your group reflecting on the Resurrection. What are some of the implications of Jesus' rising from the dead? What does it teach us about God? What does it mean for our lives today?

Pastor Greg spoke about three things the Resurrection gives us:

1. The power to live
 - a. Everyone who follows Jesus has a "before" and "after." Choosing to follow Jesus changes everything; it is the chance at a brand new life in God. How has your life changed since you began following him?
 - b. What are some of the characteristics of a person's life when they have been changed by the power of the Resurrection?
2. The power to love
 - a. We all know that we should love others but that doesn't make it easy! For you, what are some significant barriers/frustrations when it comes to loving other people?
 - b. There are people that we know we're supposed to love: family, friends, etc. But Jesus calls us beyond the basic requirements of love and even teaches us to love our enemies and those that hate us. Why is this important? How can a person learn to love even their enemies?
3. The power to forgive
 - a. The Resurrection enables us to experience the forgiveness of God. However, God doesn't want his forgiveness to stop with us; he wants us to learn how to forgive others as well. Spend some time in prayer and thought: who do you need to forgive? Why have you been waiting to do so? What is keeping you from forgiving them right now?

What was your biggest take-away from the weekend message?

Respond

- What do you feel like God is asking you to do in response to the weekend message? What is your next step?
- How can your Small Group support you and hold you accountable in this?