

Small Group Questions:

Easter at Seacoast: Resurrection Upgrade

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Read

Romans 8:11; Luke 24:1-8; John 20:29 and 8:44; Mark 16:7; John 20:14-16 and 10:10; Revelation 1:18

Reflect

Joseph, a man from Arimatha, asked Pilate for Jesus' body. He took Jesus down from the cross and wrapped him in linen cloth, then placed him in a tomb. On the third day, when Mary Magdalene and Mary visited the tomb with the spices they had prepared, they found the stone rolled away and an empty tomb. He has risen!

Pastor Josh Surratt highlights the following:

1. The Resurrection upgrades our doubt to trust.

- a. How would you have reacted, had you entered the empty tomb?
- b. God is with us everyday. When good happens in your life, do you first say "this is a God thing" or are you unsure/surprised? Discuss experiences.
- c. How do you find Christ in times of great doubt and uncertainty?

2. The Resurrection upgrades our distortion to truth.

- a. The enemy is a liar and distorter. Discuss scriptures that describe Jesus taking the power from the enemy.
- b. How can we experience life the way that Jesus intended? How do we relate our hope to the Resurrection?

3. The Resurrection upgrades our distraction into focus.

- a. How are you distracted in today's culture? How can reducing the noise and distractions help you focus on Him and live according to His purpose?
- b. Instead of prayers of hope and desperation, consider thanking Christ in advance of challenges. Discuss scriptures (such as Mark 11:24) that help move in this direction.

4. The Resurrection upgrades death to life.

- a. Since Christ has forgiven us of our words and deeds, how do we rise up in thankfulness rather than expectations?
- b. What is your favorite scripture describing the Resurrection? How can we look for the living, and His peace among the dead?

Respond: Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?