

Who is Jesus?

Our Risen Hope

Getting Started...

Before you start, ask someone to pray for the facilitator who will guide the discussion.

Getting to Know One Another... What is one piece of advice that you were told as a child that you've never forgotten?

Pastor Mark Rhoads said that the disciples and Jesus' followers didn't understand it all, and they weren't even expecting the resurrection, but that didn't stop God from using these men and women to further His work here on earth. Have you experienced God "using you" in spite of yourself? Tell about it.

What is one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this grab your attention?

Did you hear any talk about Easter on any media outlet in the past few weeks? Did any of them mention the resurrection?

How much danger is there of losing the significance of Christ's resurrection in our culture?

More....

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

What are the key elements of the gospel according to this passage?

Why would "brothers" need to be reminded of the gospel?

What is the relationship between people's salvation and their holding firm to the word of the Bible? Is standing firm in the faith and holding fast to it a necessary condition for ultimate salvation? If so, how is this not like earning salvation?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:13-20

What are some implications of a Christ who died and stayed dead?

Why do you think some people have a problem with the concept of Jesus' physical resurrection? How have you resolved this in your own mind?

How prevalent in our culture is the philosophy quoted in 1 Cor. 15:32 "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die"? Give an example.

If Christ's resurrection is the foundation of our hope, how should our lives change? Our church even has "life change" as a core value. Tell your "changed-life" story.

Taking It Home...

Do you follow Jesus with the same boldness and faith that the early disciples did? All except John were martyred. What are you really willing to give up to be a Christ-follower?

Daily Readings

Day 1		Luke 2:34-35
Day 2		Romans 5:12-15
Day 3		Isaiah 59:1-2; 20-21
Day 4		1 Peter 2:1-3
Day 5		Luke 18:18-30
Day 6		Luke 18:31-34
Day 7		Ephesians 2:8-9