

JESUS' RESURRECTION AND YOUR RESURRECTION

SON OF GOD-LIVING THE LIFE OF JESUS IN YOU

SESSION 4

Icebreaker: Looking back, what has been one of your favorite Easter memories? Can you think of one example of an area in your life, that God helped you to start over? Why was that important to you and how did it really change you?

I. Introduction:

A. The resurrection of Jesus shows us _____.

“Jesus showed himself alive to his disciples after his passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God.” (Acts 1:3, NJB)

B. Jesus' resurrection proves that _____.

It changed everything. It means everything that He said is true; it means that everything He said He would do, He will do. It means we have to change every category of how we've learned to think about God. It means Christianity isn't a religion; it is a relationship where His presence and power in our lives can be even more real than if He were physically walking with us.

“By being raised from the dead he was proved to be the mighty Son of God, with the holy nature of God himself.” (Romans 1:4, TLB)

C. Just like the cross showed us the boundless love of God towards us, the resurrection of Jesus' reveals the unlimited power of God _____ to us.

“I pray that you will begin to understand how incredibly great his power is to help those who believe him. It is that same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead. (Ephesians 1:19-20, TLB)

“And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through the Spirit, who lives in you.” (Romans 8:11, NIV)

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.” (Ephesians 3:20 NIV)

1. It is this power that will someday raise our _____
_____ to immortality.

“It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. (1 Corinthians 15:52, NLT)

2. In the meantime as we wait for that day, what this power will do for our body in the future, it is available to do in our character, mind, heart, and emotions now.

II. Three things that the power of the resurrection is able to do for and in us here and now

- A. The power of the resurrection is the power _____ and reset every area of your life. (relationships, attitudes, character, finances, recovery...)

“Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new.” (2 Corinthians 5:17, CEV)

1. This is not a restart on your old life, (a rebound to start with the same you in a different place, relationship...). It is a fresh start on a brand new life, with Christ living His brand new life in you. Under totally _____!
2. It includes the resurrection of lost opportunities, and the repurposing of broken things and _____.

“I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten.” (Joel 2:25, NKJV)

“I will bestow on you a crown of beauty instead of ashes.” (Isaiah 61:3, NIV)

It is never too late to have God’s A plan for your life!

3. Resurrection is God’s plan to change the world, by _____. God wants to make a new you so He can create a new home and a new family to bring change to a new neighborhood in ways that make new cities, counties, states, nations, and world!

“It does not matter at all whether or not one is circumcised; what does matter is being a new creature.” (Galatians 6:15 GNT)

- B. The power of the resurrection is the power to _____. Jesus gives not only starting power but sustaining power. The power of persistence.

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
(Philippians 4:13, NKJV)*

"Cast all your care upon him, for he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7, NKJV)

When it comes to problems and opportunities it doesn't matter the size of the problem, it only matters whose hands the problem is in.

C. The power of the resurrection is the power to _____
_____.

"Being confident of this very thing that He who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." (Phil. 1:6)

*"For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that Day."
(2 Timothy 1:12 NIV)*

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Sometimes it's easy to keep God in a box or "Jesus in the tomb" in our thinking. Have you ever noticed that you can limit what God does in your life by small box thinking? What is an area of your life that you need to realize God has proven His power, availability, and authority by raising Jesus from the dead and that you need to move your thinking towards expecting the miraculous and impossible?
2. What is an area of your life that you would like God to bring resurrection power to restart or reset your life in? How do you think the Resurrected King wants to resurrect you?
 - Relationships-friendship, marriage, kids
 - Recovery from loss and the ability to move on to a new chapter in my life
 - Recovery to live in freedom and sobriety
 - Financial resurrection or reset
 - Spiritual passion
 - Awakening spiritual gifts or callings that have been dormant
 - Lost dream or calling
 - Other
3. What is an area that you might especially need resurrection power to keep going in and finishing life confidently in? What is something you need to transfer from your hands to God's hand?
4. Can you think of an area that you have seen God bring beauty from ashes? Is there an area of ashes that you would like prayer for God to bring beauty in?

(Answers: I. God's power, He is God, available, physical bodies II. To start over, new management, wasted years, changing you, keep going, finish life confidently)