

DOING LIFE TOGETHER

11. What effect does the resurrection have on you today? What difference does it make in your relationships? In your work? In your leisure?

12. What is one step you could take this week toward living with a greater awareness of Christ's victory over death?

13. How might we, as a growth group, help one another acknowledge the supremacy of Christ as we make important life decisions?

Prayer Requests

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April 5, 2015

Sermon Notes

Does Life or Death Shape Your Life Choices? Romans 5:12-21

Why the resurrection O_____ our N_____
C_____ with death?

1. Why death R_____ among us? (v. 12-14)

2. Comparing the F_____ of our two C_____ kingdoms
(v. 15-19)

3. The O_____ victory of God's G_____ over our Sin
(v. 20-21)

Psalm 103:12

1 Corinthians 15:20-24

Your D_____ are shaped by one of two things — the
P_____ of death's F_____ or the resurrection's
P_____ of E_____ L_____

What do I need to do with what I have heard today?

GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

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THINKING THINGS THROUGH

1. Do you think most Canadians give adequate thought to the inescapable reality of death? Why or why not? How does the reality of death influence most of our life choices?
2. For those of you who are followers of Christ, how has your relationship with Jesus changed your perspective on death?

DIGGING DEEPER

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11.

3. According to this early church creed, what are the essential elements of the gospel? Why is the cross and resurrection crucial to the gospel story?
4. Why do you think Paul lists the many people who Jesus appeared to after His resurrection? What was he trying to communicate by pointing out that many of these people “are still living” (v. 6)?

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-19.

6. If the resurrection of the dead were a legend, what impact would that have on our present faith, forgiveness of sins, and our future?
 7. Read verse 19. Why would Paul think that this is how people should feel about Christians if the resurrection is not true? Does this verse explain how some skeptics feel about Christianity? How so?
 8. What does Paul mean when he suggests that without the resurrection we only have hope in this life? Why is faith in a Jesus who did not rise from the dead insufficient?
- #### **READ 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-28.**
9. How should knowing that God, through the death and resurrection of His Son, “has put everything under Christ” affect our everyday decision making?
 10. What does it mean to be subject to someone or something? How is death subject to Christ? What will Jesus do upon destroying death?