



WITNESSING THE RESURRECTION

1. The Resurrection Changes How We See Reality

The resurrection is like putting on glasses—you realize what you thought was clear was actually blurry.

If Jesus truly rose from the dead, then reality is not just physical or temporary—there is a deeper spiritual truth at work.

It shifts our understanding of life, purpose, and eternity.

The resurrection isn't just something to believe—it's a new lens to see the world through.

2. The Resurrection Is Rooted in Real Eyewitness Testimony

The Gospel accounts are based on real people who claimed to see Jesus alive.

Women were the first witnesses—something that would have weakened the story in that cultural context, not strengthened it.

The disciples maintained their testimony even under persecution and death.

The resurrection account carries the marks of authenticity, not fabrication.

3. Death No Longer Has the Final Word

Death feels like the ultimate ending in our world—it cuts off hopes, relationships, and plans.

But Jesus' resurrection shows that death is not the end of the story.

Scripture promises that just as Jesus was raised, those who trust in Him will also be raised.

We still experience grief, but not without hope—because death has been defeated.

4. Suffering Is Redeemed and Given Purpose

The cross looked like total failure and defeat.

Yet through the resurrection, it became the greatest victory in history.

This means our suffering is not meaningless—God can work through it and bring redemption.

Because of Jesus, suffering can be transformed—it is not wasted or without purpose.

5. Resurrection Life Begins Now

The resurrection is not only about eternity—it impacts how we live today.

Through faith in Jesus, we experience new life: freedom from guilt, renewed identity, and restored relationship with God.

We are invited to leave behind old patterns and step into a transformed way of living.

Resurrection power is not just future hope—it is present transformation.

Connect Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. Can you think of a time you were completely surprised by something—or someone—being different than you expected. What happened?"
2. What stood out to you from Sunday's sermon?

Study & Discussion:

1. Seeing Through the Lens of the Resurrection

Where in your life might you be “seeing without clarity”?

What would it practically look like to view that situation through the lens of Jesus’ resurrection instead?

2. Wrestling with Belief

What do you personally find most compelling—or most challenging—about believing in the resurrection as a real historical event?

How does that tension shape your faith (or doubts)?

3. Death, Hope, and Perspective

In what ways does our culture try to avoid or cope with the reality of death?

How does the resurrection offer a different kind of hope than what you typically see around you?

4. Meaning in Suffering

Think about a difficult season in your life—either past or present. How might the resurrection reshape the way you understand that suffering?

Is it easy or difficult for you to believe that God can bring purpose out of pain? Why?

5. Living Resurrection Life Now

What is one area of your life where you still feel “stuck” in an old pattern (thinking, identity, or behavior)?

What could it look like to step into resurrection life in that specific area this week?

Practice of the Week: “See Through Resurrection Eyes” (Witnessing the Resurrection)

1. Ask God to open your eyes

Pray for clarity to see your circumstances, relationships, and even your own struggles through the truth that Jesus is alive.

- Ask God: Where am I seeing things incorrectly?
- Ask: How can I view my pain, my fear, or my past differently in light of the resurrection?

2. Identify one tangible way to live in resurrection life

Examples could include:

- **Hope in suffering:** Take one difficult situation and intentionally remind yourself that God can bring purpose and redemption through it.
- **Forgiveness and freedom:** Let go of one resentment or regret, trusting that Jesus’ resurrection gives you a new beginning.
- **Bold witness:** Share your story of new life in Christ with someone who might be discouraged or questioning faith.
- **Life transformation:** Take one habit, fear, or way of thinking that holds you back and take a small step toward living differently in Jesus.

3. Take one intentional step this week

Examples:

- Start each day with a short prayer or reflection affirming the resurrection in your life: “Jesus is alive. Death does not have the final word. I can live differently today.”
- Reach out to someone and encourage them with hope that comes from the resurrection—send a text, make a call, or invite them for coffee.
- Pick one old, negative pattern—fear, guilt, bitterness—and deliberately replace it with a small act of trust, joy, or peace that reflects resurrection life.

- Reflect on the tension between cost and obedience—how does stepping out in generosity teach trust in God’s provision?

4.. Observe God at work as you give

- Pay attention to the ways your generosity changes your own perspective or priorities
- Notice how others respond—not only with thanks, but how it might open doors for God’s love to be revealed
- Reflect on the invisible work of God’s grace multiplying your act of giving, producing more than what you could see or imagine

5. Reflect deeply at the end of the week

Ask yourself:

- How did participating in God’s generosity shape my heart, trust, or identity in Christ?
- Did this act of generosity reveal any fears, pride, or scarcity mindset I need to surrender to God?
- How did others experience God through my generosity?
- What did I learn about God’s character—His grace, abundance, and care—through giving this week?
- How might this practice create a habit that transforms not only my giving but my witness in the world?