

Sermon Notes

The Importance of the Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:17 - "And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins." But Christ has been raised, therefore, we who are in Christ, have been saved and will share in Christ's victory over death! Hallelujah!

I. The Reality of the Resurrection

A. The empty Tomb testifies to Jesus' Resurrection.

B. The Eye-witnesses accounts testify to Jesus' Resurrection.

II. Our new reality because of the Resurrection.

A. The Resurrection proves that Jesus is the Son of God.

B. The resurrection proves that Jesus' death on the cross was sufficient to atone for our sins and satisfy God's justice.

C. The resurrection of Jesus guarantees that all who belong to Him will be resurrected as well.

D. The Resurrection confirms that Jesus has defeated Death.

Applications:____

"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you(all) richly teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom..." - Colossians 3:16a

- Focus #I : GOD

- / What does this passage reveal about the character or nature of God?
- \mathcal{L} What does this passage reveal about God's eternal plans and purposes?
- 3. What does this passage reveal about how God interacts with his creation?

Focus #2 : ME -

- ${\cal 4}\cdot$ How does this passage reveal sin in my own mind, heart, or life?
- \mathcal{S} In what ways does this passage help us to see how we need to be aligned with God's will?
- $\emph{6}$ What is one tangible and measurable way that the Spirit is leading me to respond to his Word?

Focus #3: OTHERS

- 7. What is one truth that I can share meaningfully with someone, and with whom?
- \mathscr{E} How can I specifically encourage someone or everyone in my Life Group or church family from this passage?

Three contributions (reflections, questions, observations, etc.) I plan to include in our next Life Group discussion:

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<u>APRIL</u> EASTER OFFERING

20 Fellowship Breakfast @ 9am 20 Easter Service @ <u>10am</u> 22-25 SBC-NAMA Conference, TN 28 AHG Awards Program & Reception <u>MAY</u> 1 BBA Spring Meeting @ LBBC 3 Student Ministry Yard Sale, 6am-12pm 7 Life Together @ 6:30pm