

Life Group Discussion Guide

The Resurrection: Living in the Power of the New Creation

Welcome & Connection (10 minutes)

Open with prayer and ask:

- What is one thing you are looking forward to in the future?
 - When you hear the word "resurrection," what comes to mind?
 - How has your understanding of heaven and eternity changed over the years?
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Read Together

Main Scriptures

- Acts 1:3
- 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

Key Thought: The resurrection is not simply proof that Jesus is alive. It is the beginning of God's new creation and the foundation of our hope as believers.

Discussion 1: God Has a Plan

Read Romans 8:19-25

Teaching Summary

God's plan has always been bigger than simply getting people to heaven. He is redeeming and restoring His creation and will one day establish a new heaven and a new earth where righteousness dwells. Our salvation is part of this greater purpose.

Discussion Questions

1. What stood out to you from Romans 8:19-25?
2. Why do you think creation is described as "groaning"?
3. How does knowing God's plan includes the restoration of all creation affect the way you view your life today?
4. In what areas are you currently waiting on God and learning to hope patiently?
5. How can we encourage one another while we wait for the fulfillment of God's promises?

Application

What is one practical way you can live with greater hope this week?

Discussion 2: The New Creation Has Begun

Read Colossians 1:15-23

Teaching Summary

Jesus is Lord over all creation. Through His death and resurrection, He has begun the work of reconciling all things to Himself. The resurrection signals that God's restoration project is already underway.

Discussion Questions

1. What does this passage teach us about who Jesus is?
2. What does it mean that Jesus is reconciling "all things" to Himself?
3. How does the resurrection give us confidence that God is still at work today?
4. Have you experienced God's restoring work in your own life? Share your story.
5. How can our Life Group become a visible expression of God's restorative work?

Application

Identify one relationship, situation, or area of life where you need to trust Jesus' restoring power.

Discussion 3: Living Between the "Now" and the "Not Yet"

Read Philippians 3:20-21 and Romans 8:22-23

Teaching Summary

Believers live in the tension of the "already but not yet." Jesus has already won the victory, and His kingdom is already breaking into our world. Yet we still await the full completion of His work when He returns.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think Christians sometimes struggle with the tension between present difficulties and future hope?
2. What evidence do you see of God's kingdom at work today?
3. What are some signs that our world still awaits complete restoration?
4. How does the promise of resurrection help us face suffering, disappointment, or loss?
5. How can we practically bring God's kingdom into our homes, workplaces, and communities?

Application

What is one area where God is inviting you to be part of His rescue and restoration mission?

Going Deeper

Read 2 Peter 3:9

God delays the final completion of His plan because of His patience and love, desiring that many more people come to repentance.

Discuss

- Who in your life needs to hear the Gospel?
 - How can our Life Group become more intentional about inviting people into God's family?
 - What opportunities do you currently have to share your faith?
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Personal Reflection

Take a few moments of silence and consider:

- Am I living with resurrection hope?
 - Where do I need the power of Christ's resurrection in my life today?
 - Am I focused only on my future in heaven, or am I participating in God's kingdom mission now?
 - What step of faith is God calling me to take?
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Prayer Time

Pray together:

1. Thank Jesus for His death and resurrection.
2. Thank God for the hope of the new creation.
3. Pray for perseverance while waiting for Christ's return.
4. Pray for those who do not yet know Jesus.
5. Pray that Oakhill would be a church that demonstrates resurrection life, hope, and restoration in the community.

Memory Verse

"That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection."

Philippians 3:10 (ESV)

Key Takeaway

Because Jesus rose from the dead, we have more than the promise of life after death. We have the hope of a restored creation, the presence of God's kingdom today, and the assurance that one day all things will be made new.