



STUDY GUIDE – April 12, 2020

Message Title: The Resurrection
Teaching Pastor: Brian Hughes

This study guide has been designed for Small Groups in mind, and can be used by individuals as well.

I AM Week 5 EASTER 4/12/2020

Warm-up/Icebreaker:

Share a favorite childhood Easter memory.

What is one of your favorite things about Easter?

Pray:

Dear Lord, we pray for one another on this journey that we are taking together. Please help us to be grateful for our ability to connect as a community as we dive deeper into who You are, the resurrection and the life. Let your Word renew our hope during this time, knowing You are for us and with us.

Get Started:

Read Luke 24:1-5, John 20:19 and John 21:3.

How did Jesus' closest followers respond after seeing the empty tomb prior to seeing the resurrected Jesus? What do you think they were experiencing?

In the Easter message, Pastor Brian stated the following:

"Hopelessness has a way of blinding us to the truth. When those first Christ followers went to the tomb that day, they felt a sense of hopelessness. When we allow ourselves to focus on just what is seen, just what we can prove, just what is right in front of us, it has a way of blinding us to the bigger picture. But God is beyond the seen, bigger than the present struggles, stronger than any force that threatens us. There are two kinds of tombs. There are tombs that hold the body of a dead person, and then there is a tomb that is empty. One contains death, the other life. And you get to choose which one you'll get. Seriously. You can do it today."

Watch and Discuss video:

After the video, read the verses on salvation as follows:

Read Romans 3:23, 5:8, 10:9, 5:1-2.

These verses address the following aspects of salvation as follows: the Human Problem, Humanity's Hope in Christ, The Sinner's Response, The Result of Salvation.

Why is it important to consider all of the above components as a whole (instead of separate entities) when explaining and understanding salvation?

Reflect and Commit:

Read John 20:19-21.

What were the first words out of Jesus' mouth when he appeared again to the disciples and what was their response? Though the Bible doesn't give us tone, if you envision yourself there, how do you think Jesus was saying it?

Read Luke 24:5-8.

The angel reminds them of Jesus' own recent words, words they had already been told, and verse 8 says *they remembered his words*.

Is there a time in your own life that you have had to be reminded of Biblical truths you already knew, either by yourself or someone else? What was the outcome?

Numbers 6:24-26 states:

"The Lord bless you
and keep you;
25 the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
26 the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace."

How can we go forth incorporating these words in a fresh understanding in current times? How could incorporating these scriptures possibly affect future generations?

"Now, more than ever, we need the blessing of God... the truth of the Resurrection should give us hope today and for generations." –Pastor Brian C. Hughes

(If time allows, play the closing song from Sunday, The Blessing from Elevation).

Pray:

Dear God, we thank you that you are blessing us, watching us, guarding and keeping us. Let your face continue to shine upon and enlighten us. Thank you for your grace, favor, and approval and for giving us renewed peace. Thank you Jesus, for being our ever present and final Amen.