

***Why Should the Resurrection Matter to You?***

*Date: 3/27/16*

**Read Together**

**Read the Scripture and overview below before your Life Group meets.**

Scripture passage: Acts 10

Acts is a book of *action*. It is the exciting story of the spread of Christianity from its provincial beginnings to a place of global prominence. As you will observe from Acts chapter 10, every expansion and advance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ was first marked by a single proclamation. This announcement is the theme, the core, the foundation, the declaration of all faithful Christian teaching and preaching. What is this foundational proclamation? It is the message of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. When a person professes faith and belief in Jesus—no matter the gender, ethnicity, or background—one thing is certain, he or she becomes a child of the living and reigning King of kings and Lord of lords. Why should the resurrection matter to you? It matters because the resurrection provides resolution to the problem of sin in every life. Without the resurrection there is no resolution. Peace, power, presence, pardon—without the empty tomb none of these assurances reside. But each of these promises become actions in the life of every believer because Jesus lived, died, and rose again.

**Pray Together**

**Use the first few minutes of your lesson to lead your group in a focused prayer time.**

- **Praise** Jesus as your Redeemer, Risen Savior, and Reigning Lord.
- **Repent** from any disobedience in your walk with Christ.
- **Ask** the Holy Spirit to help you share the resurrection with someone this week.
- **Yield** to the Spirit and trust God to help you tell others about Him.

**Discuss Together**

**Use these questions to engage in an informative and impactful**

**Read Acts 10:1-33**

- Compare and contrast Peter and Cornelius. Discuss geography, background, ethnicity, occupation, and diet.
- Talk through Cornelius' and Peter's visions.
- What did Peter's vision mean?
- What happened after the visions of both men?
- What does this tell you about God?
- What does this tell you about man?



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## Read Acts 10:34-43

- What important truth did Peter learn as a result of his encounter with Cornelius? (See verses 34-35.)
- God was setting Peter apart for a specific ministry opportunity. What was Peter's responsibility going to be? (See also Acts 11:1-18.)
- Pastor McKinley described four truths pointing us to the importance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ:
  1. Peace in a troubled world (See Acts 10:36.)
    - Find and discuss verses that point us to Jesus as the Peacemaker and Peacekeeper.
  2. Power in this life through Jesus' name (See Acts 10:38.)
    - Describe the power and victory believers possess. (See John 10:10, Ephesians 1:17-19, 19-21, 3:20-21.)
  3. Jesus' presence with you everyday (See Acts 10:38.)
    - What are the benefits of Jesus' presence with us daily? (See Exodus 33:14, Psalm 16:11, 27:4, Matthew 11:28-30, John 14:16, Acts 17:28, 1 John 4:12.)
  4. Pardon for sin because of the finished work of Jesus (Acts 10:42-43.)
    - Explain God as both Judge and Justice.
    - How did Jesus honor the holiness and righteousness of God? (See 1 Peter 3:18.)
- What is the truth about Jesus? (See Acts 2:22-24, 3:15, 26, 4:10, 33, and 5:30.)
- Do you believe this truth?
- Read 1 Corinthians 15:14-20. When proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to others, what fact is essential?
- Describe the hope that is found in knowing and believing in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- How has the Gospel given you *hope* in times of trouble?

## Do Life Together

**These questions are meant to encourage you to apply spiritual truth and live on mission for Jesus. It is your Life Group leader's responsibility to challenge you and hold you accountable to taking steps of growth and faith. Take these questions to heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to prompt you to grow in your role as a disciple and ultimately, a disciple-maker.**

Who will you share the resurrection of Jesus Christ with this week? Pray, make a plan, and do it.



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