



LIFEGROUPS

Series: Where is He?

Scripture: John 11:25-26

Date: March 26 & 27, 2016

—[LET'S TALK]—

- If you were to add something new as part of your Easter tradition, what would it be?

—[LET'S WARM UP]—

- What do you believe about eternal life?
What do you think it means?
- How might a Christian idea of eternal life differ from other beliefs?
- What is the difference between just being a good person and following Christ?
- Have you ever had trouble believing in resurrection?

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- Read John 17:1-3, Galatians 6:7-9 and talk about eternal life.
 1. What does it mean to have eternal life?
 2. How does one "sow to please the Spirit?"
 3. What is the connection between sowing to pleasing the Spirit and knowing God and Christ?
 4. Does eternal life only pertain to an after-life? Why or why not?
- Read Ephesians 2:1-10 and talk about resurrection, redemption, and doing good.
 1. What does it mean to be "dead in your transgressions?"
 2. What is our condition without Christ's redemption?
 3. How does our status with Christ impact our ability to do good works?
 4. Why is it that we cannot take any credit for good works?

—[LET'S ACT]—

- Tell someone on your Adopt 7 about what you experienced this Easter weekend. Depending on how they respond, try to use that conversation as a way to invite them to next Sundays service, to one of your LifeGroup social activities, or invite them to check out Starting Point. (Starting Point is an 8 session conversation about faith and life. Check it out on Wooddale's website, or ask a pastor for more info.)

—[**SERMON REVIEW**]—

- Scriptures referenced: [Jn 5:24] - [Eph 2:4-6] - [1 Tim 1:15] - [1 Jn 10:10]
- Those who don't believe in Christ's resurrection raise important, challenging questions. We need to give legitimate answers.
- Did Jesus' followers steal His body? No:
 1. People don't give their lives for a hoax they made up themselves.
 2. The disciples experienced significant life change because they truly believed.
 3. 1 Corinthians records over 500 eye witnesses of the resurrected Christ.
 4. It is highly unlikely that Jesus' disciples (a few uneducated men) could overpower the Roman guards, roll the massive stone away, and plan such an elaborate hoax.
- Is the resurrection the result of hallucinations (those 500 noted in 1 Cor.)? No:
 1. There never has been a group of hundreds sharing the same exact hallucination. Group hallucinations are dubious at best and certainly not prolonged over a 40-day period (the amount of time between Jesus' resurrection and ascension).
- Did Jesus really die or was He just rendered unconscious on the cross? No:
 1. Jesus was nearly beaten to death to begin with. Then when he died on the cross, a Roman soldier stabbed his side and witnessed blood and water pouring out separately—a medically known sign of death.
- Was Jesus raised bodily or was it just a spiritual resurrection? No:
 1. If it was just spiritual then why didn't the enemies of Jesus simply produce His body? They would have had it under guard and this would have silenced Christianity for good!
- Is the Resurrection just a myth? No:
 1. Myth requires time: Distortions accrue over two full generations or more. Facts persist over myth as long as eyewitnesses are alive. No such time gap exists in this instance.
- So, why did Jesus die and rise from the dead? On the cross Jesus absorbed our guilt on Himself. In the resurrection Jesus proved that what He set out to do: He offers full life forever to whoever puts their full faith in Him.

—[**NOTES**]—
