



SMALL GROUP GUIDE: THE EMPTY TOMB

Key Takeaways:

1. The resurrection demonstrates that Jesus is a different kind of Messiah.
2. Jesus intimately knows and loves us, calling us by name.
3. The resurrection guarantees our position before God.
4. Jesus offers peace with God through His resurrection.

Discussion Questions:

1. The pastor mentioned that sometimes the resurrection can lose its luster in our faith journey. Have you experienced this? How can we keep the wonder of the resurrection alive in our daily lives?
2. Reflect on the moment when Jesus called Mary by name. How does it make you feel knowing that Jesus knows you personally? How might this impact your relationship with Him?
3. The sermon highlighted that Jesus didn't shame or guilt His disciples after His resurrection, but offered them peace instead. How does this change your perspective on God's attitude towards you when you fall short?
4. Discuss the concept of "union with Christ" mentioned in the sermon. How does understanding this theological idea impact your view of your standing before God?
5. The pastor used the analogy of our face unlocking Christ's phone. How does this help you understand your position in Christ? What other analogies might help explain this concept?

6. How does the resurrection validate Jesus' promises and teachings? Which of His promises mean the most to you personally?

Practical Applications:

1. This week, take time each day to meditate on one aspect of the resurrection and its implications for your life.
2. Practice speaking peace over yourself and others, remembering the peace that Christ offers through His resurrection.
3. Write a letter to God, expressing your gratitude for the gift of the resurrection and what it means for your relationship with Him.
4. Share the hope of the resurrection with someone who might be struggling with guilt, shame, or feeling distant from God.
5. Reflect on areas in your life where you might still be "fighting a war" that's already been won. How can you lay down your weapons and accept Christ's peace?

Closing Prayer

Encourage group members to continue reflecting on the power of the resurrection in their daily lives throughout the week.