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LIFEGroup Discussion Questions

The Foresight of God

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Text: Matthew 23:39-24:2

1. What do you think of when you hear the phrase “the foresight of God”?
2. In God’s foresight He had Joseph of Arimathea in place – ready to serve at the precise moment in history when God needed him. Read this text and discuss the many ways God used Joseph at this moment in history. **When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock and he rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb and went away. Matthew 27:57-60**
3. Has there been a time when God had the right person at the right time minister to you?
4. We live in a world where people do not believe in Christ as Savior and some believe the resurrection is a myth. Matthew’s gospel addresses this. **Now on the next day, the day after the preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered together with Pilate, and said, “Sir, we remember that when He was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I am to rise again.’ Therefore, give orders for the grave to be made secure until the third day, otherwise His disciples may come and steal Him away and say to the people, ‘He has risen from the dead’ and the last deception will be worse than the first.” Pilate said to them, “You have a guard; go, make it as secure as you know how.” And they went and made the grave secure, and along with the guard they set a seal on the stone. Matthew 27:62-66**
5. God in His foresight has given us sound reasons to believe in the resurrection and address those who claim it is a myth. What are these proofs?
6. Considering that God has given us reason to believe in the resurrection and share this gospel with others, how might you be ready to do so? Like Joseph, God in His foresight has you in the right spot at the right time to bring this message to someone. Who is that someone? Think about your family and neighborhood first. What about your place of business – how might God use you there to increase His Kingdom?
7. **CLOSE IN PRAYER** praying for people “By Name” and commit to sharing with your LIFEGroup how God used you the next time you meet.