

Weekly Connector: So Very Thankful!

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Hello, Church!

What a great weekend!

I am so thankful for this past Resurrection Sunday - it was one of my favorites. It was encouraging to see how many of you brought your family, friends, co-workers, fellow students, and neighbors. In fact, we had so many young ones in our KIDS Ministry, that we brought in back-up team members to make sure each child received the Resurrection message - yes, even our nursery was full!

But, that is not why I was so thankful for Sunday.

*"And [Jesus] said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself...They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?"
Luke 24:25-27, 32*

The two who spoke with Jesus on the road on that Resurrection Day so long ago were confronted as each of us are every day: Jesus is not who the crowds thought He would be and thinks He should be. The Scriptures tell a story not of an earthly king sent to battle an oppressive government and redeem an ancient nation, but a heavenly king of a kingdom not of this world sent to **redeem and restore a world God still loves**. I am so very thankful that the tomb is still empty, Jesus is still on the throne, and He is present today in the lives of all who call on Him.

Even with the compelling conversation that caused their hearts to burn within them, these two on the road were left with the same choice you and I have today:

Believe the message and receive the King, or
Ignore the message and avoid the King, or
Reject the message and disregard the King.

Depending on where we each of us are in our journey through life, this is often a daily decision. My prayer is that each of us will not only believe the message and receive the King, but **rejoice with the message and celebrate the King** - each and every day!

As we consider the Resurrected King, He taught us what it was to live a Resurrected life - a #Blessed life. This week starts a new series, "The #Blessed." On social media and in everyday conversations, many folks use the word "blessed" in ways that may or may not align with the definition by our King. As Jesus sat down to teach His disciples, we get to relive the moment as we consider what it means to be a disciple who is #blessed to be taught by the King. Come early and bring a friend as we celebrate our King together!

I love you, Church!

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