

Sermon Discussion Questions

Carrying Out

Matthew 28:1-20

November 6, 2016

1. What did you think of the 50th Anniversary Celebration? Do you have any fun stories to tell about Sunday—or any of the events that led up to Sunday?
2. To the first point that Jeremy made about the path of lies: that those on that path want to silence the message of the resurrected Jesus: In what ways does the world (or more specifically, people) silence the message of the resurrected Jesus?
3. Do you believe that people who don't know the resurrected Jesus live in lies (untruths, deception)? How have you seen it?
 - a. Read John 8:12; Ephesians 5:6-8; and 1 John 1:5-7 and discuss what they teach us about how to not walk in the darkness (in lies, deception, untruths).
4. Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-14 – Why is Paul's argument true (beyond because it is the Bible ☺. Like why is it rational)? Continue reading 1 Corinthians 15:15-19 and discuss the same question—why is Paul's argument true?
 - a. Explain three ways the resurrection has had a profound impact on your life.
 - i. When was the last time you shared any of those stories with someone who may not have the impact of the resurrected Jesus in their lives? How can we be Christ's ambassador to the way 2 Corinthians 5:20 calls us to be?
 - b. The 3-C's of this "Building Bridges" series were: Connecting, Committing, & Carrying Out. What barriers do we have to get over to build bridges with people around spiritual issues? Remember how the two Mary's went to tell the disciples (Matthew 28:8)—what were their emotions? Have you experienced those emotions in talking about spiritual things? Share a story or two? How do you overcome fear?
5. Can we share who's name you wrote on the bridge? Tell the story behind the name and why you chose it.
 - a. Let's pray for the lost (even those we wrote their names down), that the Lord might use us to bring them into a relationship with the resurrected Jesus.