



Discussion Questions from Weekly Message

Feel free to customize this to use in your small group, family or for you personally.

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Optional Opener Question

Are you a huge fan of the Phalaenopsis or totally indifferent?

Seriously, what would it take to move you from indifferent to fanatic?

Introductory Thought

Our new series considers what it might look like to be so close to Jesus “that we pick up the dust from His feet.” This Sunday we looked at the some of the reasons to believe The Resurrection really happened.

Discussion Questions

- What might it look like in your everyday world to be “so close to Jesus that you pick up the dust from His feet?” Does it mean that I need to read my Bible 24/7?
- Brent suggested 5 possible theories about the resurrection. What do you see as the strengths and weaknesses of each theory? How could indifference to choosing actually be a choice?
 - Truth as Told The Swoon Theory The Conspiracy Theory
 - The Hallucination Theory The Myth Theory
- The Resurrected Jesus was seen again and again: Mk 16:9, Matt 28:9, Luke 24:15, 36, 50, I Cor 15:5-7, John 20:19,26, John 21:1, Matt 28:17, Acts 9:5, I Cor 15:8. Insights and/or conclusions?
- **Why do you think The Resurrection has to be a central component of Christianity?** Read 1 Cor 15:13-22. Does the Apostle Paul’s logic still resonate today? Do you think people today still have trouble believing The Resurrection and why? If you know, how does The Resurrection differ from the core of other world religions? Add these verses to the discussion. Is there any uncertainty in Scripture that The Resurrection is a core truth? What if I want to support the great values of Christianity, but don’t care if Jesus was actually raised from the dead?
 - Acts 26:22-23 Romans 4:25 Romans 10:9 I Cor 15:3-4
 - Eph 1:19-20 I Thess 4:14 I Peter 1:3
- **The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the same power available** to each of us today. Power to do what? Why don’t we feel powerful more often? What short circuits that power? Read some of these verses to add to the discussion:
 - Phil 4:13 2 Cor 4:7 2 Cor 12:9
 - I Cor 1:17,18 Eph 3:20 Eph 6:10-11 Phil 3:10, 20-21
- Thinking deeper: Read Matt 10:2-4 for a list of the 12 disciples. In the group are working class fishermen, a political activist, an accountant working for the Romans, among others. Subtracting Judas and replacing him with Matthias (who was there from the beginning, Acts 1:26), **what would it take** for that completely disparate group of men to become world changers? Brent talked about the high price they paid for their belief, including danger, arrests, being hated, insulted, horrible martyrdom, and more. Why would they do that? **How could my own testimony & life be proof of The Resurrection?**
- Read John 20:19-21. When Jesus appeared, he said twice to them: “Peace be with you.” Why might those be important words to speak first? Why is peace important? What kind of Peace? Add these verses to the discussion: John 14:27, 16:33, 20:26 and Luke 19:41-42. What do you think Jesus meant by “MY PEACE?” What if I don’t feel at peace? What waters down or even halts our sense of peace?

Practical Application & Next Step

- Brent said “Hope changes everything. Where is your hope today?” In the next 7 days, answer the question either for the first time or for the zillionth time. What difference can the answer make in your life?
- Did you know the resurrected Jesus is coming again? Read Acts 1:10-11, Heb 9:28 and Luke 12:40. Let your imagination paint a picture of that moment when you see for yourself that He lives!