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## MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

*Please feel free to pick and choose questions that relate best to you and your Life Group.*

### Starting Point Week 7

**Ice-Breaker** – Do you think you are always right? What is behind this belief?

The ability to believe is a powerful force. Can you give an example of something that has been done, or a serious problem that has been solved, all because of someone's belief that something had to change?

Think of a belief you hold—religious, political, economic—that has a major influence on the way you live your life. In what ways do you look for evidence to support that belief? In what ways do you filter out evidence that contradicts that belief?

The gospels record that when Jesus died, the faith of His disciples died too. In what ways do the disciples' behavior and message challenge your assumptions about Christianity?

When you think about Jesus, do you tend to focus on his teachings or his death and resurrection? How does that focus influence the way you answer the question, "*Who is Jesus?*"

"You can tell what a person believes by how they behave." Do you agree? What can people tell about you, by the way you behave?

#### **Read Acts 17:16-34**

After Jesus died, every single one of His followers lost faith. None of them believed at that point. Do you agree that the "proof" of Jesus' resurrection is a compelling basis for personal faith? Why or why not?

Christians believe that when you place your faith in Christ's death, that single act of faith leads to forgiveness of sin. Do you believe that? If so, why do you believe that way?

A single event—the resurrection—changed how those closest to Jesus answered that question. In a moment, they went from unbelief to belief—the moment they saw Him risen. The starting point for the Christian faith is a question: *Who Is Jesus?* What is your answer to that question?

*"He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."*      **-Acts 17:31**