



WK 8 CC CONNECT GROUP STUDY //

Date: Week Beginning 01.04.18

Topic: Resurrection Sunday | Easter Weekend

Text: **Mark 16:6** *“And he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.’”*

STUDY 8 // RESURRECTION SUNDAY

Today we conclude our Invisible Realm series by looking at one of the most significant supernatural event in history, especially for us as followers of Christ. The resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus of Nazareth:

Hopefully it is not lost on us in our 21st century sensibilities and modernity, that Easter is not about chocolate eggs and hot cross buns, though tasty they might be. But that this is the event that anchors our hope in God’s eternal Kingdom and His redemptive purpose for those who would surrender all to Him.

It is interesting to note in Mark’s account, that the angel (now there’s something you don’t see everyday...a young man sitting in the tomb of a ‘just buried’ man, wearing white) tells those first woman to the graveside, three important truths that continue to apply to us in 2018.

1. “Do not be alarmed...” (Mk 16:6a)
2. “He has risen...” (Mk 16:6b)
3. “Go tell his disciples...” (Mk 16:7a)

READ LUKE 24:1-12

Make a list of every supernatural event in these verses. What do they tell you about the interaction between the invisible and visible realm?

Discuss verses 10-12 and how they might be similar or dissimilar to our response to the supernatural dimension?



SUNDAY SERMON PERSONAL //

Whether you were at Cross Central on Sunday, or you watched the sermon on our youtube channel, what are some discussion points that stuck out to you, that you would like to share with the group?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

SCRIPTURE READING & DISCUSSION //

Read & Discuss 1 Corinthians 15:1-2

Why would Paul need to remind the church about the gospel?
How do we actively remind each other of the things of God?

Read & Discuss 1 Corinthians 15:3-5

What is Paul's description of the gospel he delivered to the church?
Why is this still important for us today?
How do we 'deliver' to others what we have 'received' "...as of first importance."?

Read & Discuss 1 Corinthians 15:6-11

What is the purpose of witnesses and how can their testimony be validated?
Share briefly your testimony as to Jesus' reality in your life and experience
What things can you hear from Paul's account as a first hand witness to Jesus' resurrection?

Read & Discuss 1 Corinthians 15:12-14

How important is the resurrection of Jesus Christ to our faith as Christians? Why?
Why would our faith be in vain?

Read & Discuss 1 Corinthians 15:15-19

What is the point that Paul is continuing to 'hammer home' in these verses?
How do these verses address the issue of Christianity being a 'good moral way of life? (vs 19)



ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION //

1. What has God spoken to you about over this Easter Weekend?
2. Share something you have learned about God during this series on the invisible realm.
3. What would you like to learn more about in upcoming series' at Cross Central?

SERIES OBJECTIVES //

These are our four main goals for this series. Which one of these objectives has been highlighted to you in this study and what action will you take, because of it, this week?:

- 1. Reinforce and teach our Cross Central value of 'BELIEVE'**
- 2. Provide our people with a Biblical perspective of the supernatural.**
- 3. Raise our awareness and engagement in practical spiritual disciplines.**
- 4. Actively deploy our God given spirituality as followers of Christ.**

PRAYING FOR YOU THIS WEEK //

How can I pray for you this week?
