

I AM, the Resurrection and the Life

October 2, 2022

PREPARATION

Study

Look over the guideline for the group discussion and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you.

Pray

Pray for the members of your group and their openness to God's word.

Landing Point

We can have hope because of who Jesus is and His promise of eternal life with Him.

GROUP DISCUSSION

CONFIDENTIALITY | What's said in the group stays in the group.

NO CROSS-TALK | Be considerate of others as they share. Refrain from side conversations and texting during group time.

NO FIXING | We are not in the group to fix each other. Jesus does that part.

SHARING | Be sensitive to the amount of time you share. Don't talk too much or too little. Every person brings something valuable to the group.

INTRODUCTION

Life can throw a lot of things at us that can lead us to discouragement and despair and leave us asking, "God where are you?" We see this played out in John chapter 11 with Jesus' friends Mary and Martha as their brother Lazarus becomes sick and dies. In his message, Mike Breaux points out that Jesus is present with them in the midst of the hurt and the pain and He is the hope that they are needing.

Q- What is something you currently hope will happen? Does it seem likely to happen or does it seem like a miracle is going to have to happen?

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Talking to God

Mike pointed out that both Martha and Mary told Jesus that "if you had only been here" their brother wouldn't have died. That's some boldness! But they are not alone in their boldness when talking to God, David was quite honest in talking to God. Take a moment and have someone read Psalm 37.

Q- How many emotions did David express in the psalm?

Q- Does David's communication with God reflect the way you talk to God? Are there feelings and subjects that you are hesitant or hiding from God? What keeps you from being bold and honest with God?



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The "I Am" Statements of Jesus

The Book of John records 7 different "I Am" statements of Jesus. Each reveals a unique aspect of who He is. Have someone read aloud each of the passages:

- John 6:35
- John 8:12
- John 10:9
- John 10:11, 14
- John 11:25
- John 14:6
- John 15:1, 5

Q - Who does Jesus reveal Himself to uniquely be in each passage?

Q- How does this truth about who He is change the way you hope? In what way do you need Jesus to reveal Himself in your life circumstances?

A Different Perspective

In 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 Paul instructs believers that we are not to be like the rest of the world who grieves without hope for those who have passed away. Instead, because of the resurrection of Jesus we have hope of an everlasting life with Him and that we will share that eternal life with all believers.

Q - Who in your life needs to hear about this different hope that we have in Jesus this week?

As your group time comes to a close spend time praising through prayer. Lead your group to pray by thanking God for who He is and ask Him to reveal someone who needs to hear about the hope you have through Jesus.

