

Group Questions – *Words of Easter: Week 3*

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Getting to Know Me Questions:

- What is your favorite candy or treat?
- Share a favorite Easter memory

Into the Bible Questions:

- What's something from this week's teaching that you learned, that stood out, interesting etc?
- Today's gathering is brought to you by the word RESURRECTION
- **READ:** John 11:17-27
- When the people told Jesus that Lazarus was sick and dying, Jesus didn't get up and leave immediately. Why do you think that was?
- In verse 21 Martha expresses her feelings by saying if Jesus had been there, he wouldn't have died! Is there an event or situation in your life where if something would've happened the outcome would've been very different? Good or bad.
- Has there been a "missed opportunity" in your life of any sort, that you have shared Martha's reaction? 'If only...'
- **READ:** Luke 9:61-62
- Share your thoughts and reactions to this interaction
- Jesus never said, nor thought family wasn't important. He emphasizes the immediacy of what it means to follow Him. But bigger than that, what it means to look ahead to the Kingdom of God.
- Why is it easy for all of us to look back at our history and focus on all of that?
- What makes it difficult for us to focus on what's in front of us? Or why do we not like to do that?
- **READ:** John 11:25
- Jesus says He IS the resurrection and life. How do you understand this idea compared to the idea that Jesus will be resurrected physically?
- **READ:** 1 Corinthians 15:14
- Why do you think we have prioritized the crucifixion over the resurrection within Christianity?
- **READ: For fun.** John 11:39 in the King James Version (KJV)

Application Questions:

- Do you believe this?
- What are you doing with it?

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Week 1: TIME

Week 2: FOLLOW

Week 3: RESURRECTION

John 11:17-27

¹⁷ On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

²¹ "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

²⁴ Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

John 11:5-6

⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days

John 11:25

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

Luke 9:61-62

⁶¹ Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family."

⁶² Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

John 11:26

"Do you believe this?"

John 11:27

²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

1 Corinthians 15:12-19

¹² But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been

raised either. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

Resurrection is not just the absence of death; it is the presence of life.

Question: Do you believe this!?