

Sermon Discussion Guide:

Resurrection and Life

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Scripture: **John 11:17–27**

OVERVIEW

Easter makes sense out of death, resurrection, and life. Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life, and he has all authority in heaven and on earth. Because He lives, we can begin eternal life now through knowing Him—having been brought from spiritual death to life. **You can only experience resurrection if you first experience death.**

CORROBORATING TEXTS

Colossians 1:18; 1 Corinthians 15; John 10:17; Matthew 28:18-20; John 14:6; John 3:16; Romans 6:23; John 17; Ephesians 2; John 6:35

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Sometimes the choices that God makes for our lives hurt, and we experience grief and confusion. Is there a time when you experienced a type of death, on which now you can look back and see how God was working for your good?
2. Creation tells the story of redemption. What are some examples of death leading to life in the natural world? (e.g., seeds, forest fires, seasons) How can we be encouraged by these living parables?
3. When we face what feels like death, we can sometimes turn to coping mechanisms instead of Jesus: insulating ourselves, isolating ourselves, and reinventing ourselves. Which of these are you tempted to embrace instead of Jesus, who brings true life from death?
4. God's greatest works are done in our gravest circumstances. How does this inform how we respond to suffering in our lives?
5. John 17 says that eternal life is to know and be known by our Creator. How important is this to you? How does it make a difference in how you live even now as you await the final resurrection?