

ALIVE!

From the series:: Easter 2013... – 03/31/13

BIG IDEA

“He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead just as he said would happen.” Talk about a turning point! Imagine hearing these words from an angel as your approaching the tomb of Jesus. Their discovery of an empty tomb was not only a ‘turning point’ for them, but for all of human history. All of Christianity hinges upon the resurrection – simply put, no resurrection, then Jesus was just another man, but because Jesus is ALIVE, we must accept everything He ever said. As we receive by faith Jesus Christ –

1. you receive eternal life – [John 6:40](#)
2. you receive forgiveness of ALL sins – [Colossians 2:13-14](#); [Romans 8:1](#)
3. you receive friendship with God – [Romans 5:10-11](#)
4. you receive a mission worth giving all of yourself to all of the time – [Acts 20:24](#)
5. you receive Jesus – one who is worthy to give all of yourself to all of the time – [2 Corinthians 5:15](#)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Turning points – they are the events in our lives that forever change how we do life. Take some time to share with your Community Group some of your turning points. Why are these turning points and how have you been living your life different as a result?

“If it happened, it changes our lives completely. If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all he said; if he didn’t rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said?” [Tim Keller ~ Reason for God](#)

2. Why is the resurrection so significant to the Christian faith? If Jesus did rise, why do we have to accept everything that He said? How has the resurrection of Jesus served as a ‘turning point’ in your life? Consider [2 Corinthians 5:14-15](#) – how did the resurrection of Jesus impact the Apostle Paul, specifically, what changes were made in his life as a result of the resurrection of Jesus?
3. Many people deny the resurrection of Jesus, thus many people either reject Jesus and everything He said, or at-least are indifferent towards Jesus. How can those who believe in the resurrection of Jesus in winsome and loving ways ‘show and tell’ people that Jesus is truly ALIVE?

[Cardboard Testimonies](#) – if you did not have a chance to watch the ‘Cardboard Testimonies’ that were shared at the Easter Gathering, please watch them together as a Community Group.

4. What would be your ‘Cardboard Testimony?’ Because Jesus is ALIVE, what difference has Jesus made in your life? How would you articulate the ‘before and after’ of Jesus coming into your life? Take some time to share with your Community Group what your Cardboard Testimony is and why?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This Sunday – Generous Love.** Join the GENESIS community this Sunday, April 7th as we return to the {be} Generous series by examining how we might be Generous in our love towards God.
- **the WELL** – join the GENESIS Community on Friday, April 12th at 8PM for a powerful evening of prayer and worship.
- **SERVE** – GENESIS relies on a huge community of volunteers and we need you’re help! If not already serving, please consider serving in one of the following areas: Connections, GENESIS Kids, Student Ministries, Worship, Creative, Facilities. Learn more at: genesisthejourney.com/serve