

Life Group Discussion Questions

April 8, 2012

Resurrection Sunday

Sermon Topic: All Things New - 1 Corinthians 5:17 - Dr. Matt Cassidy

Introduction: He is RISEN!... He is RISEN indeed! We started the holy week with a complete reading of the Holy Scriptures, moved into an emotional fellowship at Maundy Thursday, the Last Supper, as we reflected upon Jesus' last words to His disciples and joined together in fellowship to partake of communion. Matt challenged us to enter into the disciples' world, a time without hope as we prepared for Resurrection Sunday. Today we as a church body were able to see our sorrow turn to joy as we celebrated the good news that Jesus is alive, He defeated the grave and He makes all things new! Happy Resurrection Sunday Grace!

Sermon Questions:

1. Maundy Thursday...share with your group your experience. Was this your first Maundy Thursday service? Were you able to enter the disciples' mindset and reflect on how they must have felt that evening? When Matt asked us to reflect on life without hope, what "hope" did you hand over...your retirement, your ministry, your dreams, your children, your spouse...your faith? Share with your group your thoughts leaving service on Thursday evening. Did going to the depths of those new lows allow you to experience a new high today as we celebrated that hope is not lost in Jesus' resurrection?
2. Read and reflect on 2 Corinthians 5:17. Since becoming a new creation in Christ Jesus, what has become new in your life? What in your life do you blame Christ for...your ability to love as Christ, forgive as Christ, to serve as Christ? Has He given you a new family, marriage, ministry, occupation? Share and celebrate as a group the blessings that Christ has brought to you through that new birth.
3. Read Matthew 28. Matt expounded on the fear and joy the disciples had as they learned of Jesus' resurrection. Jesus' asked them and us to follow Him, to carry on His work on His behalf. Verses 19-20 tell us of our work in His name...the Great Commission. What fears of following Jesus come to mind for you as you consider what it really means to "follow Him" in His work? What holds you back from being unleashed for the Gospel? Is there an area in your life that needs to be crucified in order to receive new life to move forward? What joys can you recall from the times that you have "followed Him" in His work? As a result of "following Jesus", have you seen or shared in others experience of new life? What did that joy fill like? Share with your group your fears and joys and encourage each other to "pick up their cross and continue to follow Him" daily until His return.