

ENCOUNTERING JESUS: JESUS AS THE RESURRECTION & THE LIFE

Life Group Questions | Sunday, April 4, 2021

Throughout this 10-week series, we will focus on a different image or metaphor of Jesus presented in the Gospel of John. Today, we will focus on Jesus as the Resurrection and the Life.

Read John 11:1-44. Have you heard this story before? What stands out upon this reading? Imagine yourself from the perspective of one of the characters. What details do you notice?

We can't talk about resurrection without talking about death. This year has held much loss for so many of us. Take a moment to talk as a group about the losses you are grieving from this year. Practice empathic listening . . . this isn't a time to fix or save.

Twice in this story, the writer tells us that Jesus is deeply moved. The Greek verb means to be moved with anger or to express indignant displeasure. Death is not what God intended for us. How does Jesus response to death in this story impact you?

Read Revelation 21:3-5. Because of Jesus, death does not have the final word. Take a moment for individual prayer and reflection. What deaths are you grieving today? The death of a loved one, the death of a dream, the death of a role or a season? What would it look like for you to entrust that death to Jesus—to the one who took death upon himself and who promises to make all things new? After a few minutes of individual prayer, share any reflections with the group.

Pray together. Close by reading the following lyrics from Cornerstone:

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest friend
But wholly trust in Jesus name

Christ alone
Cornerstone
Weak made strong
In the Savior's love
Through the storm
He is Lord
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.