

LIFE GROUP GUIDE

Applying the Word

Discussion Topic #1: Hard to Convince

The sermon title was "This Really Happened and This Really Matters."

Which of those 2 things do you think it's harder to convince people of...that this really happened or that this really matters? Why?

Discussion Topic #2: This Really Happened

In a world that increasingly calls us to "trust the science," miraculous things like resurrection from the dead seem unbelievable to many.

If someone you know is skeptical about whether the resurrection of Jesus really happened, what evidence could you share in an effort to convince them?

How does Paul help us with this in **1 Corinthians 15:3-8**?

Discussion Topic #3: This Really Matters

If someone said to you, "Sure, let's just say Jesus really rose from the dead almost 2000 years ago, why does that matter to me?"
How would you answer them?

How does Paul help us with this in **1 Corinthians 15:12-19**?

When sharing the gospel with someone, why is the resurrection important? Look at the following passages and take note of how others make the resurrection central to their proclamation of the gospel:

Acts 2:22-36

Acts 3:12-20

Acts 4:8-12

Acts 5:29-32

Romans 4:22-25

Romans 10:9-10

How does the resurrection of Jesus shape how we live now? The verses below may help us with this answer.

Romans 6:3-12

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

Colossians 3:1-2



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This Really Happened And This Really Matters Luke 24:1-12

Jesus lives.

The women who came to the tomb early on a Sunday morning expected to apply spices to the dead body of Jesus.

Instead, they heard the really good news:
"He is not here, but has risen!"

Jesus lives.

This really happened.
And this really matters.

SERMON NOTES

Big Idea:

Jesus really died and, though the women came to the tomb expecting to find His dead body, the tomb was empty because He had really risen...this really matters.

The Women Expect to Find Jesus' Dead Body

Luke 24:1-5

But Jesus Has Risen from the Dead

Luke 24:6-8

So Spread the Good News

Luke 24:9-12

Application: This Really Matters.

Why this Good News is So Good

Ephesians 2:1-9

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Knowing Each Other

What's something you're thankful for from this past week?

What's 1 way you've seen God at work in or around you this week?

What's something you've struggled with this week?

What should we be praying about together this week?

Pray for One Another

Knowing the Word

Before we jump into applying the Word to our lives, we need to make sure we have a right interpretation of the Word through Holy Spirit-empowered observation and interpretation. Pause to pray and ask God to help us as we look at His Word together.

Read **Luke 23:26-56** again.

What emotions do you suppose Jesus' followers were feeling by Sunday morning?

Now read our passage for this week, **Luke 24:1-12** together.

- The angels remind the women (**vv.6-7**) that Jesus had previously told them to expect this. Once they're reminded, they remember. Jesus had made this clear (see **Luke 9:22, 9:44, 18:32-33**), why was it so unexpected?
- Why is it significant that Luke records that it was women (including their names) who were the first witnesses of the empty tomb?

Read and Pray Ahead
Luke 24:13-35