



REFLECTION // DISCUSSION RESOURCE
“Resurrection Sunday”
04 April 2021

The incarnation of Jesus, His death, His resurrection, and His promised return are the four corner pieces of our Christian faith. It's all because of Jesus, it's all about Jesus, and it's all for Jesus.

What does the resurrection of Jesus mean to your faith personally?

Read Luke 24:1-35

Putting yourself in the story as one of Jesus followers or disciples - what do you think you would have been thinking, feeling or doing before you encountered the resurrected Jesus?

What do you notice about the way people responded to the events at various parts of this story?

- The women who saw the angels and found the empty tomb first.
- Peter who ran to the tomb upon the report from the women.
- The disciples on the road to Emmaus.
- The disciples in Jerusalem.

What would encountering the resurrected Jesus have done to you and your faith?

Read Romans 10:9

Why do you think faith in the resurrection of Jesus is an important element of receiving salvation?

The reality of the resurrection and the baptism of the Holy Spirit caused Jesus' followers to become incredibly courageous people.

Have you ever drawn courage from your faith in the resurrection, and the reality of the Holy Spirit's presence and power in your life? Share your stories and experiences of this.

What challenges or circumstances of your life do you need to draw supernatural courage for, and how might you draw upon the resurrection (victory over death) and the Holy Spirit (empowerment for life) for that courage?

The resurrection was the watermark of the disciples' message and witness. It authenticated and validated Jesus' claim to be our God and Saviour.

What's the difference between an expert-witness and an eyewitness?

How would sharing our faith with others be different if we approached it as eyewitnesses rather than attempted to be expert-witnesses?

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APPLICATION

For what challenges and circumstances do you need to draw afresh upon the resurrection and the Holy Spirit for courage?

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PRAYER POINTS

Pray for more leaders and volunteers to join our Kids, Youth and Young Adult Teams.

Pray by name for those 2-3 people your networks and neighbourhoods who don't yet know Jesus.

Pray for our Seed Offering in April, and for miraculous provision for NewHope's mission and vision.