



Easter 2021 | Resurrection Changes Everything | 04.03-04.2021

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Message Recap: When Jesus died on the cross, no one expected what would happen a few days later. But death was not God's plan, and Jesus' resurrection changes everything! And we get to bring a part of heaven here when we share hope, unity, and generosity with others.

» Opening (2-3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations
 - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

» Introduction (12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: What is your favorite rule to follow?
- Digging Deeper: How might we be relying on the easy traditions that make us feel good rather than following Jesus?

» Observation | Read Matthew 28:1-10; Acts 4:32-27 (12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | We don't just follow principles, we follow a person. (12 minutes)

- What are the dangers of blindly following the principles of Christianity but never actually following the person of Jesus?

» Hopeful Instead of Hopeless | Reference Matthew 28:1-10 (12 minutes)

- What is the difference between recognizing Jesus as a good moral teacher and not the Lord and Savior?
- How can you bring hope into the hopelessness around you? What would happen if you did?

» Unified Instead of Divided | Reference Acts 4:32-33 (12 minutes)

- How does this passage in Acts describe what the unified Church looks like? In what ways do you see or not see this in the Church today?

» Generous Instead of Selfish | Reference Acts 4:34-37 (12 minutes)

- Describe a time when someone chose to be generous toward you instead of selfish? What was the lasting impact of their generosity?
- How can you extend generosity to others in the next several weeks?

» Next Steps and Prayer | (15 minutes)

- Jesus has extended an invitation to each one of us to be a part of His story that is so much bigger than we are. How can you step into what's next for you to bring hope, unity, and generosity to the world around you?
- Close by praying for each other to see the places and the people God has placed in their lives to share Jesus' love with.