



Sermon Discussion Questions

Sunday, April 24, 2011

Easter 2011: The Transformation

Acts 26:26

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As a group, tell one another how long you have been a Christian—a follower of Christ. Does the thought that Jesus was "resurrected" boggle your mind today? Did it ever in your Christian life?

Talk as a group about how big of a deal it is that someone is resurrected. Think about what it would be like if you actually saw someone resurrected.

Why do you think it's hard for us to get our brains around the thought of Jesus being risen from the dead and really, really being blown away by this fact?

Mike discussed four evidences of the empty tomb:

1) The empty tomb.

Talk about excuses given in Scripture that people had for Jesus' tomb being empty. (Matt 28:12-15; 27:63-64)

What other excuses have you heard as to why his tomb was empty? Why do they not make sense? What Scripture would you use to stand against this excuse?

2) The eyewitnesses.

Read Acts 1:3 and 1 Corinthians 15:5-8

What were some of the convincing proofs you think Jesus made to show he was alive?

What are convincing proofs people want today to assure he is alive? What was convincing for you?

3) The changed lives and martyrdoms of the Apostles

What ways were some of the apostles' lives changed?

How has your life changed since choosing to believe that Christ is risen?

In relooking at the resurrection of Christ, do you believe he was risen because "others around you do"? Because "you are supposed to"? Or because you "know it to be true"?

If you know it to be true, how do you hope your life will be changed by this? What keeps your life from being different?

4) The evidence of a changed life, changing the world with Jesus' love.

What is the evidence of change in your life that lives out the resurrection of Christ?

To end your time today, read afresh Matthew 27:45-28:20. Before you read it, pray that God would give you a fresh understanding and zeal from the fact that Jesus is alive.