



Sermon Discussion Guide




Signs: Resurrection Day

John 11:17-46, 53

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read the sermon scripture(s) listed above. What stood out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 How were Maundy Thursday and Easter services for you?
- 2 What was your one main/big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

RESURRECTION DAY: GLORY REVEALED

- 3 How do you feel about death? Has death intersected with your world lately?
- 4 What is the Bible talking about when it says we are "dead" in our trespasses and sins? In your own words, how does God take what's dead inside of you and bring it to life when you are a Christian?
- 5 Why did Jesus weep with Mary? How does the compassion of Jesus set him apart from the leaders of other religions?

RESURRECTION DAY: DEATH DEFEATED

- 6 Jesus was angry at death. Is it odd to you to think of Jesus being angry?
- 7 How would you respond to someone who says, “Death is normal, it’s part of the circle of life”?
- 8 Why was the raising of Lazarus a turning point for all of history?
- 9 Jesus puts himself in the grave instead of you. He died in your place. What affect do these truths have on you? The people said, “See how he loved him”. Have you fully grasped how much God loves you?
- 10 How does death hold people captive? Do you fear death? How are Christians set free from the fear of death (Hebrews 2:15)?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- ✠ How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?