

# Life Group Notes Easter Reflections 1 29th March 2015



## The Resurrection

#### Welcome

- Talk about your favourite childhood memory of Easter.
- What Easter traditions—religious or secular—do you currently observe?
- What do they mean for you?

#### Word

- What do you think about the idea that it's easier to believe in the Person, teachings and sayings of Jesus than His resurrection?
- Is it easier to be inspired by His heart for the poor, His teachings on mercy, His demonstration of love and forgiveness, than believing in the physical resurrection of His body in the resurrection?

The evidence of the Bible is based on the eye witness accounts of His disciples who saw the resurrection of His physical body. (Perhaps the greatest evidence is from James – Jesus' own brother).

What would you have to do to convince your own brother that you are the Son of God?
 Nothing short of rising from the dead!

If we divorce the physical resurrection from the life and teaching of Jesus, we're "good for nothing!" We should abandon everything we do for Jesus...!

#### Read 1 Corinthians 15:16–17.

Discuss the connection between Jesus' resurrection and our faith.

What do you think of Paul's assertion?

What do you think of the idea that we are "good for nothing" if Christ has not been raised from the dead?

### Read Matthew 7:13-14.

How does Jesus' statement in this passage relate to Paul's teaching on the resurrection in <u>1 Corinthians 15:14–20?</u>

What does the statement "enter through the narrow gate" (Matthew 7:13) mean? Why should we be "pitied of all men" (1 Corinthians 15:19) if Christ has not been raised?

## Worship

Spend some time praising God for what He has done for you in salvation and who He is for you currently.

#### Works

Practice rehearsing your testimony for telling people who don't yet know God, about what was like for you when you became a Christian.

What you were like before? What happened? What are you like now?

