

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT *(continued)*

### TAKING IT HOME

1. We don't simply **CELEBRATE** the resurrection of Jesus, we **PARTICIPATE** in it! We put to death our sinful desires, and we rise to new life as members of God's family!

Read **Galatians 5:24-25**. In your own words, what does this look like on a regular basis?

What barriers or hurdles do you face to living that out in your life?

2. Jesus taught us to pray this prayer:

*Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. **Matthew 6:9-10***

Is there a particular area of your life where you need to surrender your kingdom to God's Kingdom? What would it look like for you to pray "May your will be done" in that area of your life?

3. Reread the memory verse from this weekend's talk.

*And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. **Romans 6:4***

In this letter to the Romans, Paul describes Water Baptism as a way to celebrate that we have been raised to new life! If you haven't made the decision to get baptized in water, what questions do you have or what is stopping you from doing that?

4. What might God be asking you to do with this message? What is your next right step?

## MESSAGE NOTES

### Easter Weekend // 2022

#### Why does Easter matter?

1. Jesus came to bring \_\_\_\_\_, not good advice.

*Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the Good News of God. "The time has come," he said, "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" **Mark 1:14-15***

*Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom of God. **Luke 8:1***

2. God's kingdom operates \_\_\_\_\_ than our kingdoms.

*My Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight... but my Kingdom is not of this world. **John 18:36***

*Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done one earth, as it is in heaven. **Matthew 6:9-10***

3. The resurrection of Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ who Jesus is.

*Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! **Luke 24:5-6***

*Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him. **1 Corinthians 15:3-8***

*This is real love - not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. **1 John 4:10***

4. For followers of Jesus, resurrection is an \_\_\_\_\_ reality!

#### MEMORY VERSE:

*And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. **Romans 6:4***

Following Jesus is less about learning to \_\_\_\_\_ God,

and more about learning to \_\_\_\_\_ Him!

# PERSONAL NOTES

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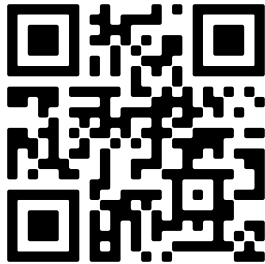
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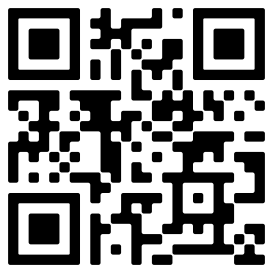
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# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Our Group Season is currently in session! Groups are one of the best ways to connect with others and grow in your faith. During this season, use these questions to facilitate discussion with your Group or for personal study.

### **GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

1. Take a moment to reflect on your own faith background growing up. Did you receive any “mixed messages” about Jesus growing up?

2. What images or pictures of God have you seen portrayed that are not consistent with the love revealed in Jesus? How have those images affected your view of God?

### **DIGGING INTO IT**

1. *“The question we should be asking is not whether we believe in resurrection, but why a God who has power over death would allow himself to be killed in the first place.”* What does that reveal to us about God’s love for us?

Read **Philippians 2:5-11**. What is your favorite part about these verses?

2. Jesus didn’t come to bring “good advice”, he came to bring an announcement of GOOD NEWS! In what ways have you seen GOOD NEWS of God’s love turn into the “minimum requirements for getting to heaven”? Why do you think we are so tempted to do that?

“Be doers of the word and not hearers...” *James 1:22*

