

GOOD NEWS

Big Idea

The good news is that the resurrection from death that began with Jesus 2,000 years ago is still resurrecting people from death today! Not only can we celebrate resurrection, we can experience resurrection. **“The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, He will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.”** Romans 8:11 NLT You are a candidate for God to do a miracle in your life right where you are now! God can resurrect your marriage, finances, health, relationships, job...BUT...none of these are the greatest resurrection. The greatest resurrection is leaving this life with all of it's misery, pain, sickness and sin to be eternally with God. Jesus told His disciples that He was returning to heaven after His resurrection **“to prepare a place for you”** John 14:2 Jesus offers more than a better now, He offers a better place, a better forever. This promise of Jesus will change everything in your life. Jesus said, **“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”** John 11:25-26

Physical death cannot defeat you when you are a follower of Jesus Christ! Do you believe this? If you believe on Jesus - then earth is as close to hell as you'll ever get & it only gets better. If you haven't believed on Jesus yet - then earth is as close to heaven as you'll ever get & it only gets worse. Charles Blondin successfully crossed over Niagara Falls many times on a tightrope. When he asked people if they believed he could cross over again they all said “Yes”. Then he asked who believed he could cross with them on his back. Many believe “in” Jesus - that He can save. But few believe “on” Jesus - by trusting Him to carry them across the river of death to resurrected life. **Your life hangs in the balance.**

Discussion Questions

- Much has changed in the world over the past three months due to Covid-19, most of it for the worse. Many are looking for good news. What is God's good news from Romans 8:11, Luke 10:17-20, John 14:1-2, and 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14,18?
- Pastor Curt said, “If you believe on Jesus...earth is as close to hell as you'll ever get and it only gets better. If you haven't believed on Jesus yet...earth is as close to heaven and you'll ever get and it only gets worse.” What did he mean by this?
- Pastor Curt told the story of Charles Blondin, the tightrope walker. How does this explain the difference between “believing in” and “believing on”?

Prayer Focus

Thank God for the incredible gift of His Spirit and resurrection power living inside of you. Thank Him for the sacrifice that paid your debt on the cross, and thank Him for being a risen King. Bring your pain before God, and ask Him to show you the redemptive purpose in it. Bring your confusion to Him, and ask Him to give you peace as you wait on Him. And thank Him in advance for the victory to come.

Next Steps

Trust God to resurrect those areas in your life that you believe to be dead or dying. Understand He is greater than anything you are facing and He forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases!

Leader Tip

Encourage the individual pursuit of God by sharing your personal testimony. Be sure to include the ways your life has been changed through your intimate relationship with Jesus.