

Social time – meet and greet each other

Video – watch Mark's short video to get everyone in tune with the core teaching for the week

Memory verse – can everyone recite the core (memory) verse this week? (1 Cor.15:14)

Starter questions - pick one or two

- 1. What stood out to you as you read about The Resurrection in this lesson?
- 2. What are some doubts about the resurrection that you've heard from other people, or perhaps even wrestled with yourself?
- 3. How is the resurrection central to the Gospel of Christ and our faith as believers? (1 Corinthians 15:14-19)

Key Passages to Help Us Understand the Core – be sure to do these

- 1. Mark 16; John 11. Which is more astounding to you: that Jesus himself rose from the dead or that he was able to raise others? Why?
- 2. Who raised Jesus from the dead? After the group answers now look at these three passages: Acts 2:24; John 2:18-19; and Rom.8:11. Are you surprised by the answer?
- 3. Ezek.37:1-14; John 11:25; John 20:1-31. What did the Holy Spirit reveal to you as you meditated on these verses this week? Did God challenge you through any of them?

Group Discussion – if you don't have time for all, pick the ones most needed by your group

- 1. Which of the four reasons to believe in the historical account of Jesus' resurrection (pp. 298-301) do you find the most helpful to those who don't believe? Why?
- 2. What are the results of the resurrection (pp.302) that you think are neglected, but are important to understand and believe?
- 3. Which of those results is the most difficult for you to believe and live out? What do you need to do to believe it and live it out?

Application for the Week

- 1. On page 304, what was the Day 5 challenge? Which truth did you choose and how should it change your actions and thinking?
- 2. Learn to explain, succinctly, how the resurrection changes everything.
- 3. **PRAY** ask God to help everyone in the group live out this lesson in their life

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Extra Notes for Leaders to have on hand in case of questions

The author referenced four authors, apart from Biblical writers. Here is a brief BIO of each:

Josephus – lived AD 37-100 (born in Jerusalem); Titus Flavius Josephus was a first-century Roman/Jewish priest, scholar and historian

Tactitus – lived AD 56-120; both an historian and politician, Publius Cornelius Tacitus is widely regarded by modern scholars as one of the greatest Roman historians

Homer – lived 700-800 BC; is the most famous Greek author, believed to have written the two epic poems which laid the foundation of ancient Greek literature ... the Iliad and the Odyssey

Aeschlyus – lived around 500 BC; was a famous Greek playright, authoring over 7 dozen plays

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