

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

Easter Sunday 2020

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Introduction

Christ has risen! He has risen indeed.

On Good Friday we remember that Jesus died on the cross for each of us, to forgive our sins. This enables us all to accept the gift of eternal forgiveness, and thus we can celebrate that Jesus was resurrected from the dead on Resurrection Sunday. With His death came new life, that we are invited to experience for ourselves. We all have so much to be grateful for, despite what we may be facing in our own lives at this time.

Bible Passage

Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-58

Discussion

1. At Easter we are challenged about what it means that Jesus died on the cross (which we commemorate on Good Friday) and rose to life again (Resurrection Sunday). What does this reality mean to you personally? What challenges you about this?
2. In Paul's account of the resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15 he is helping the Corinthians understand what the resurrection means both now and in the future for them. What is your understanding of the resurrection? How has this impacted your faith?
3. If we have accepted Jesus, we too will be resurrected at our own death to live with Him in Glory. How does this belief impact how you live today? What does this change about what you currently face?
4. What is a gift that you can see in the challenge of being in the forced lockdown that we are currently facing? What is one thing that you can be grateful for today?
5. How has this experience helped you to see God at work amidst the terrible pandemic that we see around us?

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6. What opportunity does our current situation give you personally to show God's love to others?
7. Read 2 Chronicles 7:14. How can we personally fulfil this verse? Could you set a specific time to pray for forgiveness of our land each day at 7:14am and 7:14pm? If the answer is yes, then set an alarm now to remind you to do this.

Respond

We each have a wonderful opportunity to be an agent of light in our own network at this time. Even though we are restricted from travelling at present, we can still all play a part in reflecting Jesus to those around us. Do you know your immediate neighbour next door? Drop them a card to see how they are going, or whether they need help. You can be the pastor on your own street - even with social distancing. You may also donate food items to LifeCare, or an unused computer for a student to use. Find one practical thing that you can do this week to be a light in the darkness where you are right now.