

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Easter Sunday

These questions are for the **April 16, 2017** sermon, "Racing to the Tomb." Please read the sermon passage (John 20:1-18) together out loud.

AS WE EXAMINE THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS, NOTE . . .

1. **The material evidence for the resurrection. (1-10)**
 - A. The missing body.
 - i. The disciples lacked the opportunity and resources to move the body.
 - ii. The soldiers lacked motive.
 - iii. Opponents would have immediately produced the body, if they were able.
 - B. The stone was rolled away so that people could come and see for themselves.
 - i. "See"= "blepo," a casual glance.
 - ii. "See"= "theoreo," a deeper examination.
 - iii. "See"= "orao," an examination that brings understanding.
 - C. Have you examined the evidence?
2. **The transformational evidence of the resurrection. (11-18)**
 - A. We all want desperately what this world cannot provide.
 - B. Seeing (with understanding) the risen Jesus fulfills the deepest longings of our hearts.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is one of the hinges on which our whole faith swings. Jesus was God. He died for our sins. He rose again the third day. How does believing that Jesus rose again define your entire life?
2. Based on #1, above: Do you have any friends who might be ready to talk about the historical facts surrounding the resurrection? Who are they? How have your conversations about Jesus progressed? What is the next step? How can we be praying for you?
3. Based on #2, above: When Mary understood that Jesus had risen from the dead, everything changed for her. Seeing the risen Christ fulfilled the deepest longings in her heart. How has the realization that Jesus rose from the dead made you move from doubtful, to certain? From timid, to bold? From fearful, to loving? From controlling, to faithful? From searching, to satisfied and radically content?