

TALK IT OVER

How is everyone doing right now? Do you have any needs? (Push a little here. Everyone is dealing with the virus and isolation so make sure you know how your people are doing.)

Read the Apostles Creed together (Found on 3r page & we are focusing in today on the last phrase) and 1 Corinthians 15:1-23 (Passage is on 2nd page. This is the crux of all of Christianity!). Once you've read the passage ask these questions:

- What new thing did you discover in the story that you did not know before?
- What did you learn about God? (Pastor Brad said "Jesus didn't just come so he could rise from the dead. He came so that we didn't have to stay dead." What do you think about that? What implications does that have on your view of the resurrection? Does this change your perspective of what we celebrate?)
- What did you learn about people? (Pastor Brad gave us 4 viewpoints: Acorns & Oak Trees, Already but Not Yet, Legends and Longings & Eggs and Baskets. All of these viewpoints speak to the tension we live in. Which viewpoint resonated with you the most and why? **[Make sure you have the You Version notes so you can help your group remember & walk through what each viewpoint was]**)
- What will you take away from this discussion? (Depending on which viewpoint hit home the most will determine where this will go. For acorns & oak trees reference 1 Corinthians 15:42-44 NLT, Already but Not yet- John 17:3, Legends & Longings- Ecclesiastes 3:11, Eggs & Baskets- Job 19:25-26)
- What will you do with what you have learned? (What steps do you need to take to live out the kind of life that Jesus died for? Have you accepted Christ as your savior? Been baptized? Maybe you feel a call on your life...right where you are?)
- Is there anything else you wanted to share that we didn't hit in this discussion?
- Next week make sure to read 1 Kings 19:1-18, Philippians 4:4-7. Think through the questions we ask weekly as you read.

Encourage your small group to do a watch party on Facebook with the LIVE Sunday service for our new series ***Anxious for Nothing*** this Sunday. Ask them to invite coworkers and friends to watch with them at 10:10. Also, make sure to comment as you watch on the feed to encourage community and discussion.

Make sure to check in with your SG this week. We are all going through a lot. How can you pray for them? This is where the discipleship aspect comes in. Work towards identifying your 3 (that you can really pour into) and then your 1 (that person that will replicate what you're doing now). Take a few minutes each day and make a text or phone call to everyone in the group.

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Make sure to read ahead of time and either retell the story or have someone (multiple people) help you retelling the story. Make sure to use your update with points from Brad's sermon.

1 Corinthians 15:1-23 New Living Translation

The Resurrection of Christ

¹⁵ Let me now remind you, dear brothers and sisters,^[a] of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then, and you still stand firm in it. ² It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you—unless, of course, you believed something that was never true in the first place.^[b]

³ I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. ⁴ He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. ⁵ He was seen by Peter^[c] and then by the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers^[d] at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him. ⁹ For I am the least of all the apostles. In fact, I'm not even worthy to be called an apostle after the way I persecuted God's church.

¹⁰ But whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out his special favor on me—and not without

results. For I have worked harder than any of the other apostles; yet it was not I but God who was working through me by his grace. ¹¹ So it makes no difference whether I preach or they preach, for we all preach the same message you have already believed.

The Resurrection of the Dead

¹² But tell me this—since we preach that Christ rose from the dead, why are some of you saying there will be no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless. ¹⁵ And we apostles would all be lying about God—for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave. But that can't be true if there is no resurrection of the dead. ¹⁶ And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. ¹⁸ In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! ¹⁹ And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.

²⁰ But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.

²¹ So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. ²² Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life. ²³ But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back.

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Apostles Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father
almighty, creator of heaven
and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his
only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he
descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again
from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right
hand of God the Father
almighty.
From there he will come to
judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**