

“Resurrection – So What?”

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Because of Christ’s Resurrection: we now have a life mission

FOUNDATIONAL REALITIES

There are a lot of people out there who don’t know Christ.

We are the church:

- 1.) Gathered
- 2.) Deployed

1st John 1:1-2

In one sense, how can we NOT be on a mission? How can we NOT recommend Christ to people? He is Life itself.

The Church Deployed

- John 20:21-“Again Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.’”
- John Sacra
- The Rest of the Story

The Church Gathered

What do we need to do to be more mission-minded when we are together as a body?

Some things are obvious and straightforward

- Inviting people. We can’t be a resurrection-driven, mission-minded church and not invite people to come.
- Greeting and Guiding

Some things are harder and not straightforward

- People that come have different histories and part of that history involves worship
- Worship Languages
- Called to unity

John 17:20-23

Unity means we are unified in being committed to Christ, caring for and serving one another, and in reaching out to a broken and lost world.

So the question becomes what do we, as the church gathered, need to do to be more mission minded?

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus wanted them to go further - out into the deep water

John 3:16-18

It’s Time for Hard Realities

- It was uncomfortable
- They didn’t understand
- It was inconvenient-Jesus sitting in their boat-fished all night and cleaned their nets

FOUNDATIONAL COMMITMENTS

- We must be committed to growing in our relationship to Christ, to one another, and to the world around us. This is simply part of becoming a disciple.
- We must be more intentional in our commitment of proclaiming Christ to a broken world.
- We must be more intentional about discipleship - both for people who are new to the faith and for those of us who have been around for a while.
- We must be caring, loving and serving people.

TWO KEY QUESTIONS:

- 1.) What should I be doing to be more effectively communicating the good news of the resurrection to the people around me?
- 2.) What do we as the church need to do to more effectively communicate Christ to the world around us?

NOTES: _____

Talk it over...with your friends, family, or Growth Group.

Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.

- During the sermon today Joe talked about the mission to which we are all called. Is that a new concept for you? Do you truly believe God is waiting to use you to bless those in your sphere of influence? What is the first step you feel called to take to begin this process
- When you think about your life and the lives of those you know, what are the areas where you see the greatest need for hope? How have you experienced God's hope in dark areas of your life before? Is there a way that you could share that hope with others in their need?
- Why do you think God had you here today? What do you need to take away from this sermon? What steps do you need to take to apply this to your life today?

