

# Message Notes

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# Message Outline

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**1**  
The Resurrection means that . . .  
**GOD IS REALLY OUT THERE!**

Acts 17:24-34

Romans 1:4

Hebrews 1:1-4

**2**  
The Resurrection means that . . .  
**SIN'S DEBT IS REALLY PAID!**

Acts 10:40-43, 13:37-38

Romans 4:25

I Corinthians 15:3-4, 17

**3**  
The Resurrection means that . . .  
**DEATH IS REALLY DEFEATED!**

Acts 2:22-24

I Corinthians 15:54-55

Hebrews 2:14-15

**4**  
The Resurrection means that . . .  
**LIFE IS REALLY MEANINGFUL!**

1 Corinthians 15:32

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

I Peter 1:17-21

**5**  
The Resurrection means that . . .  
**ETERNAL LIFE IS REALLY POSSIBLE!**

John 11:25-27

Romans 8:34-39, 10:9

I Peter 1:3-9

## ***Growth Group Understanding Questions***

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1. Read Acts 17:24-31. How does the resurrection point to the existence and goodness of God? What else, according to Paul, does the resurrection prove?
2. Read I Corinthians 15:17-19. What does Paul say has not happened if Christ has not been raised? What does he say about us Christians? Does he include himself in this line of reasoning?
3. Read Acts 2:22-24 and Hebrews 2:14-15. What are both these passages teaching us?
4. Read 1 Peter 1:17-21. What does Peter say here that the resurrection of Jesus provides for us? What does he say about our old life?
5. Read Romans 10:9. What does this passage say is essential for salvation? Now read Romans 8:34-39. What does this passage say that the fact of resurrection guarantees for us? Now read I Peter 1:3-9 and just soak it in!

## ***Growth Group Application Questions***

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1. What is most challenging or new in the message this week? Which point was the most important and meaningful for you?
2. Why do you personally think the resurrection of Jesus happened? What is the basis of your belief? Could you explain why you believe to someone else? Why is the meaning/relevancy of the resurrection dependent on its truth/historicity?
3. Do you think that people know they are sinners today? In what ways do they deny their sin? Why do you think the Gospel is so foolish and so offensive to people today?
4. How do people deal with death today? Are they afraid of it? How do they act and what do they say at funerals?
5. What evidence do you see today that many people think and feel, sometimes subconsciously, that life is meaningless and hopeless?
6. What difference has the Gospel of the resurrection made in your life? Why is it so necessary for us to cling to our "living hope?" Why is it so hard? Why do we need others to help us do that? What can your Growth Group practically do to encourage one another with the Good News of the Resurrection this week?