

Sermon Questions for Life Groups

The Throne, The Scroll, The Lion & The Lamb (Rev. 5)

Resurrection Hope (I Cor. 15:35-55)

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*These questions are generated by several authors for Life Group discussions
or family or personal devotions*

Good Friday

1. Read Isaiah 25:8 and review the prophesy that was fulfilled through the death of Jesus.

2. Recall from Good Friday's message in Revelation 5 and share how each of these references about Christ gives you hope today and for eternity:
 - a) Verse 1 (A Throne)
 - b) Verses 2 -4 (A Scroll)
 - c) Verse 5 – (A Lion)
 - d) Verse 6 – (A Lamb)

3. How does 'the way of the Lamb' guide and direct the way in which you should live your life?

Easter Sunday

4. Do you have memories of the death of a loved one? Recall the ways in which you responded. Why do you hope for resurrection?

5. How do Paul's illustrations of the resurrection help you to understand what will take place in you?

6. Consider the many implications of the Seed illustration, as it pertains to spiritual rebirth in this present life.

7. Contrast the characteristics of the natural body with that of our new spiritual body. Our bodies will change, but what happens to our character, our personhood - will they change too?

8. 'Resurrection hope will be suddenly consummated' (vs. 50-53). Are you prepared for when this might happen? What do you do to prepare?

9. We cannot obtain our heavenly body yet, but what should we be doing to prepare our hearts and minds? Consider these passages:
 - a. Romans 12:2
 - b. Philippians 4:8
 - c. Matthew 15:11
 - d. Colossians 3:2-5
 - e. II Corinthians 10:5

10. Do you long for the return of Christ? Why?

11. Why does Paul encourage "standing firm" (vs. 58)?

12. If you can sum up I Corinthians 15:35-55 in one or two sentences, what would you say is Paul's point here?

Prayer Suggestions:

1. Pray for those who attended The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, that all (even us!) who attended would ponder further the message of this event.

2. Pray for the follow up of Visitors - that they would want to hear more and get involved in the fellowship of our church

3. Pray for our Sponsorship Family - Asuda, Shakila and Ave. That they would continue to feel at home here in Canada, and that they would have success as they study to reach their goals.