

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. How did you spend this week leading up to Easter? What are some activities you did to prepare for Easter?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. According to Ezekiel 37:1-14, how would you describe the resurrection?
3. Read the story of the resurrection in Matthew 28:1-9. Compare it with Mark 16:1-8. What stands out at you?
4. According to Philippians 3:10, what's the difference between "knowing Christ" and "knowing the power of His resurrection?"
5. Let's talk about "breath" for a moment. At some point, Jesus began to breathe. This is the resurrection. Compare your thoughts with the following scriptures:
 - a. Genesis 2:7
 - b. Job 33:4
 - c. Job 12:10
 - d. Daniel 5:23
6. There was a purpose for the cross and a purpose for the empty grave. According to these verses, what was the purpose for each?
 - a. Proverbs 14:12
 - b. Romans 3:23
 - c. Romans 4:25
 - d. Romans 6:23

7. What are your thoughts about this quote from Lee Strobel? "Satan greets people in hell by saying: "You'll find that there's no right or wrong here—just what works for you."

8. Who did Jesus claim to be in John 11:25? What does this mean to you?

9. Do you know the power of the resurrection at a personal level? What character traits have been transformed in you by God?

Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- God doesn't only resurrect your dried up old bones, but God gives you new strength.

- You can receive the gift of breath, and not honor the giver of the breath.

- The illusive thing about sin is it appears to be harmless. But it was big enough for a cross and an empty grave.

- "God must first accomplish something in you before he can accomplish something through you." - Wayne Cordeiro