

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

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These questions are for the **March 5, 2017** sermon, "Fearless Disciples: Jesus has risen from the dead." Please read the sermon passage (Matthew 28:1-20) together out loud.

Sermon Outline

1. **The resurrection of Jesus has opened a stunning new world.**
 - A. A new kind (quality) of life. Not for this world, but for eternity.
 - B. A new kind of person. Focused on a new and living relationship with God.
 - C. Ruled by a new King. Our King is resurrected--he has defeated death forever.
 - i. He is unchallenged, and ever-worshipped.
 - ii. This kind of life is completely different from your old life.
2. **The resurrection of Jesus has opened a frightening new world.**
 - A. The guards say life is about more money. (Took money to act as if it did not happen.)
 - B. The priests say life is about control. (They refuse to believe resurrection is possible.)
 - C. Don't live as if Jesus' resurrection is real, but it is just not that big of a deal.
 - D. The "alien power" of almighty God is now on display in Jesus' total victory.
3. **The resurrection of Jesus has opened a world for all peoples, and Jesus commissions us to show people how to live in it.**
 - A. One day every will see Jesus reign suddenly and completely.
 - B. For now, Jesus' reign is seen in the way his people live and love and trust him.
 - C. The mission is to show people how to live this way.
4. **The Emmanuel postscript:** Jesus is with us (Emmanuel) in mission to the end of the age.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: What are some issues in your life that would be healed and helped if your mind and heart were constantly focused on the idea that you serve a king who has conquered death forever? What fears or arguments or opinions would shrink?
2. Based on #1, above: What "challenger" or rival of Jesus are you sometimes tempted to serve? How can we pray for you?
3. Based on #2, above: All of this world seems focused on either denying the resurrection of Jesus Christ, or living as if it did not matter that much. What are some things that will be true of the follower of Jesus who is growing (not shrinking) in their esteem of Jesus' resurrection?
4. Based on #2, above: Jesus reigns as the only person to have ever been resurrected from the dead. He is alive. In what way is this frightening?
5. Based on #3, above: If someone asked you to describe how living in Jesus' kingdom in this world is different from living in this world's kingdom, how would you describe those differences? In what way are you showing people around you how to live in God's kingdom now?