

love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, [9] receiving the end of your faith--the salvation of your souls."

12) Based on the above passage, why does God allow us to go through trials?

13) This passage helps remind us our hope is in eternity - in the salvation of our souls - rather than in this temporary, earthly life. What practical steps can you take to help keep your focus on heaven and being joyful, rather than focusing on the temporary and becoming discouraged?

TAKING IT HOME

14) If you had to pick only one thing from this week's sermon or homework - what do you most want to remember?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework For the week of January 24, 2021

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) What is the most unusual thing you have ever eaten?

- 2) Do you tend to be gullible, a skeptic, or somewhere in-between?

REVIEW

- 3) Looking back at your notes, what stood out to you from this week's message?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 4) This week's message was all about why we can believe in the resurrection of Jesus. Jarrod mentioned one reason why many people reject Jesus (and the resurrection), found in John 3:19-20. **What other reasons can you think of why people struggle to believe in Jesus?** (Or perhaps a reason *you* struggled with before believing yourself!)

5) We looked at five theories that skeptics use to try and explain away the resurrection of Jesus (Jesus was a myth, His body was stolen, They went to the wrong tomb, Mass hallucination, and Jesus didn't really die). Have you had a skeptic discuss any of these (or other) theories with you before? How did you respond? (or how *would* you respond?)

6) On Sunday we discussed several pieces of evidence pointing to why we should believe in the resurrection. **Can you think of any other pieces of evidence for the resurrection?** (If you can't think of any, then what was your favorite evidence from the message?)

7) Read the following passage, then summarize it in your own words below.

1 Peter 3:15-16 - "[15] But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; [16] having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed."

8) What do you think it means to give a defense "with meekness and fear?"

9) Why is it important to have a good conscience and good conduct in the midst of discussing your faith with non-believers?

10) How does the following passage encourage you in your faith?

1 Peter 1:3-5 - "[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, [4] to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, [5] who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

11) What stands out to you from this next section?

1 Peter 1:6-9 - [6] In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, [7] that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, [8] whom having not seen you