

Resurrection Hope

Various Texts (Mark 14, 16, John 21, Acts 2, 1 Corinthians 15)

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What stuck out to you from today's message? How were you challenged, affirmed or convicted by the Holy Spirit?

"For the sake of the Gospel, we are ready to shoulder losses, and if we have to, pay the price of losing freedom and even life."

- On a scale of 1-10 with 1 being "NO WAY!" And 10 being "YES!," how true is this statement pertaining to you?
- Does your life reflect your answer? How so or how not?

How do you see yourself in Peter? Share the story of your life before your encounter with the resurrected Jesus vs. after.

- What parts of you (talents, personality, circumstances) has God redeemed for good?
- What parts has he changed?
- What may he still want to change?

Why do you think the angel at the tomb singled out Peter in John 21?

Share a time when God offered specific restoration in your life in response to a past sin or circumstance. Or share a request where you are praying that he does.

Of the following of Pastor Adam's outline, which do you find most hopeful for you today? Why?

- With resurrection there is great anticipation.
- With resurrection there is opportunity for restoration.
- With resurrection [and ascension] comes the Holy Spirit.
- With resurrection comes boldness born of hope.

Read the following excerpts from 1 Corinthians 15. What are your observations and questions? How does this passage give you hope as you navigate a world that is not your home?

I passed onto you what was most important...Christ died for our sins...He was buried and he was raised from the dead on the third day...and if Christ had not been raised, then your faith is

useless and you are still guilty in your sins...if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world...our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength...Then when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this scripture will be fulfilled:

Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?

But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ...know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

What is a practical takeaway(s) you have from today's discussion?