

The Greatest Adventure

The LIFE

Community Group Guide

CONVERSATION STARTER

What do you think are the most common beliefs of people today about what happens after someone dies?

As we continue to look at the Greatest Adventure, we have talked about Jesus as the Hero of the Story, how he went to the cross, and today we want to discuss Jesus' resurrection.

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURES

Paul breaks down the significance of the Resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15:12-28. Please read this and discuss these questions.

Why is the resurrection central to the Gospel? Another way to ask this might be...How does Paul explain the significance of the resurrection?

How does the resurrection demonstrate why Jesus will reign forever?

JOINING IN THE GREAT ADVENTURE

Please read this quote from N.T. Wright that defines what resurrection is and is not, then discuss the questions below.

"Resurrection" denoted a new embodied life which would *follow* whatever "life after death" there might be. "Resurrection" was, by definition, not the existence into which someone might (or might not) go immediately upon death; it was not a disembodied "heavenly" life; it was a further stage, out beyond all that. It was not a redescription or redefinition of death. It was death's reversal."

How does the understanding that resurrection is life after life after death shape our understanding of eternity with Jesus?

In what ways does the resurrection give you hope and change the way you live?