



Sermon Discussion Guide

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SUMMARY

Big Idea: Jesus Changes Everything.

Happy Easter! The message this week took the approach of considering the life of Peter, zooming in on a couple of significant moments, and how we see portrayed vividly, the truth of our Big Idea. Specifically, not only does *Jesus change everything*, but *the empty tomb changes everything*. Peter goes from a nobody who meets a somebody (Lk 5), to a literal mountain, high, of making the right confession (Lk 9), to the trial-low of three denials (Lk 22), to the empty tomb witness (Lk 24), the three-fold restoration (Jn 21), preaching at Pentecost (Acts 2), and authoring NT letters.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Intro

1. With reference to Peter's key milestones, some high, some low, what have been some key milestones of faith in your walk with the Lord?

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2. What in your life has changed since you have become a believer in Christ? (give specific examples)
3. In light of the resurrection, what is one area of your life that needs to change, or you wish would change, but it hasn't (yet)?
4. Let's say that Jesus did not rise from the dead. Looking back over your last week, what would you have done differently?
 - a. What elements of your life show that you live no different than someone who does not believe?
 - b. What would it look like to infuse resurrection truth and hope into how you live this coming week? How, specifically, can the people in your life group participate in that?

For More Bible Study Discussion, Consider the Following 5 Scenes (Time may limit your ability to delve into each, so you may want to summarize each, or focus on 1-2). **Ask:** How does this scene relate to the resurrection? How does this scene relate to you? What good news does this scene have to bolster your faith? What in this scene encourages and challenges you to grow?

1. Luke 5:1-11. Peter, a Nobody, meets a Somebody
2. Luke 9:18-22. Peter, the Right Confession
3. Luke 22: 24-34; 54-62. Peter, 3-time Denier
4. Luke 24:1-12; John 21:14-17 - Peter, Empty Tomb Witness & Restoration
5. Acts 2:1-4, 14-36; 1 Peter 1:3-9. Peter, Pentecost Preacher and Feeder of Sheep