

Confirmation Small Group Time

(New Testament - Class 7: The Resurrection)

Theme Verse: John 3:16 - *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

Highs and Lows...

Choose one of the following quotes that speaks to you and share why you chose it.

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.
(Martin Luther)

No matter how devastating our struggles, disappointments, and troubles are, they are only temporary. No matter what happens to you, no matter the depth of tragedy or pain you face, no matter how death stalks you and your loved ones, the Resurrection promises you a future of immeasurable good.
(Josh McDowell)

To a Christian, Easter Sunday means everything, when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
(Bernhard Langer)

Every religious tradition is rooted in mysteries I don't pretend to understand, including claims about what happens after we die. But this I know for sure: as long as we're alive, choosing resurrection is always worth the risk. (Parker Palmer)

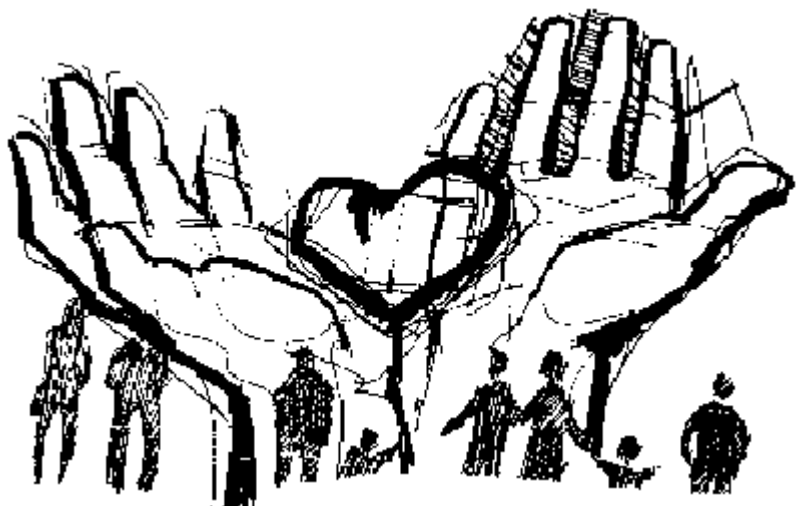
Choose questions from the following to feed the discussion on the topic:

1. *Have you ever lost anyone close to you and attended their funeral? What went through your mind? Are you afraid of death? Why or why not?*

2. *How can some people be brave in the face of death, while others are terrified?*

3. *All Mary Magdalene had to do was hear her name whispered to know that Jesus was alive. Do you know Jesus is alive?*

4. *Brainstorm: Name all the reasons that Easter - Resurrection Sunday is important?*



(Try and memorize the theme verse.)