

TAKEAWAY

Easter Sunday

Sunday 4th April 2021

READ

1 Peter 1:3-5

EXPLAIN

This is Peter's first letter, written to fellow Christians scattered (perhaps also persecuted) across many nations, a few decades after the resurrection. Peter's awe has not diminished over the years!

DISCUSS

1. What, in your own words, does the resurrection of Jesus mean to you? What connection does it have with daily life?
2. Peter believes that the resurrection of Jesus gives us a 'living hope'. What do you think he means by this? What is a 'living hope'?

3. Why do you think Peter calls the hope of the resurrection an 'inheritance'? What is true of an earthly inheritance that is also true of our spiritual inheritance?

4. Peter's hope in the resurrection is not, to him, just a factual thing, it shapes his emotions. He's excited about it. We remember the resurrection at least once a year at Easter, and other times too. How do we stay excited about it? Are you excited about it right now?

5. How does the truth of the resurrection mean we can approach all the difficult things we personally come across in life with a different perspective?

6. Think about some of the big 'hot topic' issues of the day – politics, racism, violence against women and of course the pandemic. How should the resurrection change how Christians respond to these issues?

7. If a friend, who wasn't a follower of Jesus, asked you why the resurrection mattered, what would you say?

PRAY

NOTES FOR LEADERS

The resurrection is the most amazing thing that ever happened. And yet, because we think about it each Easter, we can become rather casual about it.

The aim of this study is twofold - 1, to encourage genuine excitement and awe about it, and 2, to think about what it means for everyday life. The resurrection was never meant to be just an astonishing historical event but a thing that reframes every normal day for normal followers of Jesus. So, thinking about it in terms of both the 'big' and 'small' issues we face right now is really important.