

# Connect Group Conversation (Leader Guide)

Week of March 31st, 2024

## MAIN IDEA

This Sunday, Pastor Steve McCoy shared a powerful message about the importance of the Resurrection in our Christian faith. He reminded us that while the cross is central for reconciliation with God, the Resurrection is equally vital for living a transformed life. Through engaging anecdotes and scriptural insights, Pastor Steve encouraged us to embrace the fullness of the Gospel, which includes living in the newness of life made possible through Jesus' resurrection. He challenged us to not only be reconciled with God but also to live out the resurrected life, emphasizing the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Bible references: Romans 6:4, Romans 5:10, Hebrews 7:25

**Leader Tip:** Our aim in our group time this week is to foster a deeper understanding of how the Resurrection impacts our daily lives, not just our salvation story.

## TALK IT OUT

- How does understanding both Jesus' death and resurrection change the way you view your faith journey?

- Reflecting on Romans 6:4, how can we "walk in newness of life" in our daily routines?

- Pastor Steve talked about the role of the Holy Spirit in living a resurrected life. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit's work in your life recently?

- In what ways can we shift from living a life that's merely 'reconciled' to God to one that's fully 'revved up' by the Resurrection and the Holy Spirit?

## Students/Young Adults

- What does the Resurrection mean to you personally?
- How can the truth of the Resurrection impact your decisions and actions at school or with friends?
- Discuss a time when you felt the Holy Spirit guiding or comforting you.
- How can you live out the "newness of life" Paul talks about in your school or family?

## Parents of School-Aged Children

- How can we model the resurrected life for our children?
- In what ways can we incorporate discussions about the Holy Spirit's empowering presence in family devotions or prayers?
- Share a family challenge you faced and how the Resurrection's hope helped you navigate it.
- How can we encourage our children to seek and recognize the Holy Spirit's work in their lives?

## Optional Deeper Discussion Topics

- Explore the significance of Romans 6:4 and Romans 5:10 in understanding our identity as resurrected beings in Christ.
- Discuss the permanency of Christ's work as mentioned in Hebrews 7:25 and what it means for our daily access to God.
- Reflect on the role of the Holy Spirit in revealing deeper truths of Scripture and enabling us to live out our faith dynamically.
- Consider ways the church can better equip its members to understand and experience the power of the Resurrection and the Holy Spirit in community life.