

RESURRECTION LIFE

What does the word “resurrection” mean? _____

- Resurrection story: Luke 24:1-12

What is “resurrection life”?

- Example of PokemonGo
 - The game encourages players to go to real places but allows them to see characters and activities that no one else sees. You have to have access to the game in order to see and do these activities
- Resurrection life allows us to look around us and see the world differently
 - Skim through the rest of the NT...Acts, the letters, Revelation
 - Jesus’ death on the cross is viewed and preached as a demonstration of God’s love for all of humanity, God’s act of saving humanity from our sins
 - Jesus’ followers spread the message about Jesus, heal people and feed the poor
 - The letters give instructions for how to live differently, especially when there is conflict or when life is difficult.
 - Allows us to view death as the gate to eternal life
 - Example: Prayer from our funeral service

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister/brother _____ . We thank you for giving him/her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. (prayer from our Funeral service, ELW p. 281)

- Our Life-Jesus gives his followers instructions, a mission for their new lives. These same instructions go out to his followers of today...us.
 - Matthew 28:16-20 Make disciples, baptize, teach
 - Luke 24:36-49 Repentance and forgiveness

Small Groups:

1. Resurrection life: Make disciples of all nations, baptize, teach everything Jesus has commanded

- a. What do we (as the church or as individuals) do to make disciples of all nations?
- b. What kind of things did Jesus teach? Where do you see people living out Jesus’ commands?

2. Resurrection life: Encouraging repentance and forgiveness

- a. What is the opposite of repenting? Which do you see or experience more often, repentance and forgiveness or its opposite? Which is easier? In what way does repenting and receiving forgiveness improve our lives?
- b. In what way is the message of repentance and forgiveness good news for people?