

Believe

JOHN

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Community Group Material:

Ask one person to pray at the beginning of your meeting.

Check-in

Check in with each other about how everyone is doing.

Bible Reading: Luke 23:1-25, 32-43; John 19:30; Luke 24:1-8

Sermon Summary:

God is not only one who promises to bring us back into right relationship with himself, but he also does everything in order for that to happen. On the cross, Jesus promised that God's forgiveness & salvation were both available to us through his death on that cross. Are those merely sweet, sentimental words from a dying man? No, they are his sure promises! So how do you & I know that they were fulfilled? God raised Jesus from the grave. Raising Jesus was God's way of letting you & I know that he was fully satisfied. Now you & I can be assured that what Jesus promised, God endorses.

Discussion:

1. Why should we be careful of isolating Jesus' death from his resurrection? Why is it important to see that they are an indivisible pair?

2. When we put Luke 23:34 in its context, what was happening as Jesus said, *“Father, forgive them”*? How are Jesus’ words ‘Words of Life’ for us?
3. Put Luke 23:43 in its context and speak to how Jesus’ words are ‘Words of Life’ to all.
4. When Jesus said, “It is finished” what was the “it” he referred to, and how are these words ‘Words of Life’?
5. How are the angels’ words in Luke 24:5b-7 confirming words from God to let us know that Jesus did what he said he would? Speak about the significance of the words *‘He **has been** risen.’* How is God’s raising Jesus helpful to our understanding? Use the quote below from Darrell Bock to aid you.
 - a. *“The verb used in ‘has risen’ is an aorist passive and implies that **God is responsible for Jesus’ return to life . God has intervened, just as Jesus promised .** ‘Remember how he told you, while he was with you in Galilee: The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again (9:22, 44; 13:3; 17:25; 18:32-33; 22:37).”*
6. Talk about how the resurrection of Jesus means his promise of forgiveness, salvation & all that needed to be done to bring us back into relationship with God, is done.

End with Prayer.

- Thank God for him being one who not only promises, but also keeps his promises
- Pray for one another.