



Sermon Discussion Questions – April 7, 2024

Scripture Passages:

John 19:30 Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”

Revelation 1:18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

Ephesians 1:19-20 I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God’s right hand in the heavenly realms.

Isaiah 61:1-4 The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor. They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.

Discussion:

1. Pastor Scott started his message by asking the question *“Am I living out the power of the resurrection in my life?”*

How would you answer that question? Are you living it out in your life? How so?

2. Pastor Scott said, *“Easter exists to provide power for you and come alive as well.”* What does it mean to you that you can come alive as well?

3. Excerpt from Pastor Scott’s message:

“Are you allowing resurrection power to confront the parts of you that are dead and or dying? I hear so many people come to me and say “I love God, I’m going to heaven. I love my church -but my life is pretty much messed up.” I think a lot of us feel that way. People think “I’m forgiven but I have messed up so bad that I can never get it back that which I have lost” My life can never be restored - I’ve made too many bad choices, I’ve messed up too many times, even if I do get saved it doesn’t really matter because I have ruined everything around me.”

How would you answer his question? Are you allowing the resurrection power to confront the parts of you that are dead or dying? Are you allowing God to bring the ruined parts back to life? If you are not, what is stopping you?

4. Read Ephesians 1:19-20.

What do we learn about resurrection power in these verses? Have you experienced and understood the greatness of God’s power?

5. Read Isaiah 61:1-4. What do we learn about God in these verses? What comfort do you find in these verses?

Next Steps:

Pastor Scott ended his message by giving us these steps in our faith:

You move from dying to living.

You move from living to restoring.

You move from restoring to rebuilding.

You move from rebuilding to finding purpose.

Where do you find yourself in this process? What do you need to do to move to the next step?

What do you think God is calling you to next?