THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

"I AM the Resurrection and the Life"

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- 1. How was your Easter? Share a highlight or Easter blessing.
- 2. READ John 11:1-16. Who was Lazarus and his sisters, and what was their connection to Jesus?
- 3. Why did Mary and Martha send for Jesus and why did Jesus delay? This seems to be an odd way for Jesus to show love to His friends... Why do we sometimes struggle with God's sovereignty and timing?
- 4. When Jesus said that "Lazarus sleeps" (v.11) what did the disciples think He meant. What did He really mean? In what way was this a lesson for the disciples (v.15)? Notice Thomas' response in v. 16... what was going on here?
- 5. READ Hebrews 9:27. Why do people die? How do you feel about the reality of sickness and death?
- 6. READ John 11:17-37. How was the reality of grief and sorrow on display in this situation? How do you think our mourning practices differ from the Jews?
- 7. What was Jesus declaring in verses 25-26? Discuss the nature of His conditional promise.
- 8. READ Rom. 10:9-10. What does it mean to BELIEVE? Is it possible for some people to be self-deceived into thinking they have believed when they really haven't?
- 9. How would you help someone who says they don't believe in God or the Bible?
- 10. What is the shortest verse in the Bible and what powerful truth(s) does it convey?
- 11. READ John 11:38-44. What questions or observations do you have from this section of Scripture?
- 12. READ the following verses and talk about the Hope that we have in Jesus. (I Cor. 5:8; 15:26; Rev. 21:4; I Pet. 1:3-5; I Thess. 4:13-18.)
- 13. As time allows, share various ways to keep Easter alive in your heart all year long.