

Community Group Discussion Questions

“Resurrection Hope”

Romans 8:31-39

Sermon Series Title: “Resurrection Applied”

Sermon Series Summary: As we gear up for Easter Sunday, we’ll take four weeks looking at the power and beauty of the resurrection of Christ. The resurrection isn’t just for our past or future. The resurrection is here and now in and through us.

Passage Setting: Romans is seen as one of the greatest works of theology. In it, we have the foundations for the gospel, history, and Calvinism. Chapters 1-8 cover the theology of our salvation. Chapters 9-11 cover the history of our salvation. Chapters 12-16 talk about the application of our salvation. Our passage is the victorious end of the theological section in this letter.

Summary: The theological portion of this letter finishes with the climactic ending of Romans 8. We see what all of our salvation means for us. Since God is for us, nothing can be against us. We will receive all things. We are justified by the blood of Christ. Nothing can separate us from His love. Do we live according to that truth?

Central Truth: *“God is for us, justifies us, and loves us through Christ.”*

Sermon Points:

1. God being for us
2. God speaking over us
3. God’s love with us

Opening Question:

1. Why is the resurrection of Christ so important?

(Answers may vary.)

The Resurrection is the Father’s confirmation that He has accepted Jesus’ finished work. It is evidence that Jesus is the Savior and now the firstfruits of His people. Lastly, it shows us that death is defeated, and now we have nothing to fear. All our enemies are defeated through Jesus’ work.)

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We celebrate the Resurrection on the Easter holiday, and it is vital to the theology of our salvation. The end of Romans 8 is a list of victorious truths and promises, rooted in this resurrection.

1. What promise do you have trouble believing the most? Why?

(Answers may vary.)

God being for us- we may doubt this when we experience suffering. It's hard to believe that our God is good, faithful, and sovereign, when we are dealing with hardship and loss.

God speaking over us- we may doubt this because we believe Satan's lies over God's truths. Or the voice of others (parents, church members, world) is very strong in our minds. We have a self-hatred that loves to condemn ourselves as a form of self-salvation.

God's love with us- we may doubt this again when we are suffering, facing loss/death, feeling enslaved to depression/anxiety, and experiencing hardship.)

2. Though these promises are all unbelievably good, which one hits home the most? Why?

(Answers may vary.)

If God is for us, who can be against us? Nothing. We can have the world but without God, we have nothing. We can have nothing but with God, we have everything. If God is for us, nothing can be against us, including our own weaknesses and trials.

If God gave His Son up for us all, how will He not along with Christ give us all things? God will give us everything we need. Everything He sends is for our eternal good.

God justifies through the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ. No one can bring a charge against us. We are righteous before God. Jesus' person and work guarantees it.

Nothing in all of creation will ever separate us from the love of God in Christ. Jesus has gone through every obstacle, trial, and enemy to overcome them, so nothing can separate us from His love.)

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3. What does it look like to live with faith in these promises?

(Answers may vary.)

We will have hope in God's promises. We will have the boldness to live for His glory and kingdom. We will have faith to persevere through every trial. This brings us joy, confidence, assurance, peace, and power through Christ.)

Final Thoughts: *All promises have their Yes and Amen in Jesus. Jesus' death and resurrection are the foundation for the end of Romans 8. God is for us, because He was against Christ on the cross. God speaks righteousness over us, because Jesus took on our condemnation. Nothing can separate us from God's love, because Christ was separated from God's love on the cross. We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.*