

SEEING JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING

Seeing the Resurrection Changes Everything

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1. Open in prayer, then read Luke 24:13-24.

2. The disciples walking on the road to Emmaus were stuck because they were hoping that Jesus would deliver them from the tyranny of Rome. But Jesus came to deliver them (and us) from a 'greater Rome' called sin and death.

In what ways do we get "stuck" because we think there are peripheral things in life that will help us get "unstuck," like a new job, a new boyfriend/girlfriend, a spouse, possessions, etc.?

3. When we see that Jesus stuck our sins on the cross, we get unstuck.

Read Luke 24:25-26 and John 1:29. We must continually remember that Jesus' work on the cross for us IS the greatest deliverance we could ever need. How do we practically apply this truth daily, amid the common struggles of life?

Loving God completely (Upward) begins by receiving His great love for us displayed on the cross and the great work this accomplished in our lives. We love Him because He first loved us (1 John 4:19).

Discuss the importance of beginning our life as followers of Christ upon this foundation.

4. When we see that Jesus stuck death in a coffin and defeated evil, we get unstuck.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:54-57, Colossians 2:13-15, and Romans 8:1-2.

Just like the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus, we often look horizontally for our hopes to be fulfilled rather than vertically to the greatest Hope possible. How do these scriptures speak to what our greatest needs are? Celebrating Easter is a reminder of this truth!

5. When we see that Jesus gives us a sacred vocation, we get unstuck.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 and Luke 24:28-35. What should be our natural response to the grace that God gives us through Jesus?

Considering this, take a few minutes to pray that each of us will be so overwhelmed by the love of Christ that, as this love transforms us, we can't help but give it away. Ask the Lord to help you live an Inviting life so that others are drawn to the life of Christ in you.

If this is an area of struggle for you, share with the group how they can pray for you to help you grow in this characteristic of a disciple of Jesus (and a Transformer!).

6. Close in prayer, praying for who God would have you reflect His love to this week.

If you're in relationship with someone who doesn't know the love of Christ, pray about inviting them to the new TC sermon series starting next week, "How to Get Unstuck."

If it's someone who isn't geographically close to TC 521, share the link to our new TC Online Broadcast, launching April 23, with them: TransformationChurchLive.ChurchOnline.org.