

Help Us See

That We Don't Have to Be Afraid

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¹ After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. **Matthew 28:1, NIV**

Fear and sadness _____ even Jesus' closest followers to the _____ of a Resurrection Sunday.

² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. **Matthew 28:2-4, NIV**

Fear is a _____ (and proper) reaction when standing on the _____ side of the power of God.

⁵ The angel said to the women, "**Do not be afraid**, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. **Matthew 28:5-6, NIV**

²⁵ He was delivered over to **death for our sins** and was **raised to life for our justification**. **Romans 4:25, NIV**

Jesus' _____ and _____ restored our relationship with God and took away any need to fear him.

⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." **Matthew 28:7, NIV**

The angels helped the women see past Sunday to the _____ God had planned for their lives.

⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. **Matthew 28:8, NIV**

The empty tomb is where fear and joy _____ as we wrap our arms around the significance of a Risen Savior.

⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." **Matthew 28:9-10, NIV**

The resurrection of Jesus helps me see clearly that:

1. I don't need to be _____ of God.
2. I am free to _____ Jesus.
3. I have a _____ for living which is closely connected to Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE

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My next step: Jesus has won the victory over death. I do not need to be afraid. I can celebrate my **identity** as his child, my destiny of living eternally with him in heaven and my purpose of living to worship and share the good news.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.

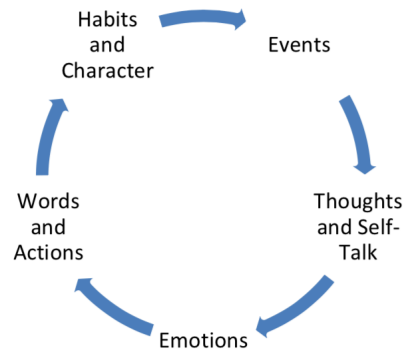
Impact Groups

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Getting Started: When you were young, what was something that you were most afraid of?

Going back to Sunday

What truth from Sunday's message was most impactful for you? How has the truth made a difference in your thinking, your emotions, or your words and actions this week?



How can you make the resurrection of Jesus a regular part of your daily self-talk and a lens through which you see the events of your life?

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It is not just children that are afraid. In our reading the women and even tough soldiers were afraid. What do you think are the things that scare people the most today?

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The women were afraid someone took the body of Jesus. The resurrection would have alleviated that fear. How does the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus address the biggest fears we have today?

How can fear and joy coexist in the heart of a Christ-follower?

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What does it mean to live with a resurrection faith?

Doing Life Together

Jesus wanted his disciples to come together in Galilee. There he would give more proof of the resurrection and give them their new purpose in life of sharing the good news. How does the vision of CrossWalk of being a “church for unchurched people” help us to carry out the purpose of our lives together?

Prayer

Pray together as a group for about 10 minutes. Many groups do this in a circle format, allowing each person in the circle to pray or pass as they wish until all have had a chance to pray.

Reminders

Download the church center app today to stay up to date on the latest events at CrossWalk, fill out a communication card or give an offering.

The first phases of our “Imagine” building program are starting. By December of this year we will be spending over \$500,000 on sewer and road work for the property. You can give an offering toward the project on the church center app.