

GETTING STARTED

John's account of the resurrection of the Lord (chapter 20) includes a number of questions/statements from Jesus. Discuss the significance of each of these ...

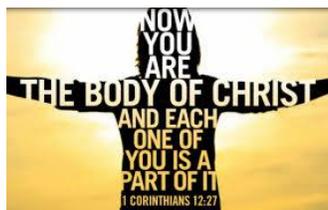
- "Woman, why are you weeping?"
- "Whom are you seeking?"
- "Peace be with you."
- "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

What encouraged you most as we worshipped together on Sunday?

How can we live like every day is resurrection day?

DISCUSSION

The resurrection of Jesus Christ changes everything. Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:4-6). In light of the resurrection and the new life we have in Christ, let's focus on how we live a life worthy of the calling we have received. (Ephesians 4:1).



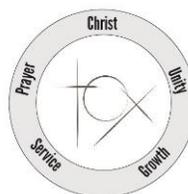
As one who is saved by grace through faith in Jesus, you are a member of God's family. This is a gift, something to be treasured. It's not a legalistic obligation. When we trust Jesus as Savior we identify with Him through baptism and with the other members of His body through a local church.

"The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. ... Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is part of it." (1 Corinthians 12:12, 27)

Membership at Calvary Fellowship represents our commitment to live out Jesus' mission to go and make disciples, living and loving more like Jesus and helping others to do the same. Connected, as a family of believers, we commit to love one another, build each other up into Christ and lead others to do the same. While all Christians are a part of the universal Church, God's word gives clear instruction to belong to a local church.

In a recent Sermon Series called *I Love My Church*, we reminded our church family of the joy and privilege of being a member of the body of Christ and we incorporated the theme of being CONNECTED in various ways. As a follower of Jesus you are not only *Connected in Christ*, but as members of God's household we are also ...

- Connected in Unity
- Connected in Growth
- Connected in Service
- Connected through Prayer



On the Small Group page of our website, you will find a number of tools to reinforce each of these areas that support the discipling process as we deny ourselves, take up our cross daily and follow Jesus.

Here's a link: <http://cfdowningtown.com/small-groups/>.

- Take some time this week to review these tools and come to small group prepared to discuss one or two areas where you would like to grow as a disciple in the coming months.
- Discuss these statements that describe someone who is growing and maturing as a follower of Jesus by God's grace. In which area have you been growing and where would you like to continue to mature? What else might you add to this list?

WORSHIPPING REGULARLY

Gathering together weekly with our church family, participating in baptism and the Lord's Table in celebration of the new life we have in Jesus and in remembrance of all that Jesus has done for us by His grace.

WITNESSING BOLDLY

Asking God to open doors for the gospel, always being ready to give an answer for the reason for the hope that we have, sharing this Good News boldly and clearly yet with gentleness and respect.

LOVING UNCONDITIONALLY

Walking in a manner worthy of the gospel and making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

CONNECTING INTENTIONALLY

Learning to live and love like Jesus and helping others to do the same in the context of intentional, discipling relationships.

SERVING FAITHFULLY & GIVING GENEROUSLY

Stewarding God's resources by giving of our time, talents, spiritual gifts and treasures to the Calvary Fellowship family and beyond.

PRAYING PURPOSEFULLY

Seeking God's face and continually interceding for others privately and corporately as we pray for God's kingdom to come and His will to be done.

- Share some specific ways that this small group has helped you grow as a disciple. How can the group support you more effectively in the future? In what ways might you be able to support others in the group in the coming months?

PRAYER

Pray for one another based on the things that are shared and thank the Lord for the many ways that He is transforming each person in your group.