

Kasey said on Sunday that in order to be resurrected, we first have to die. In order to 'be' the resurrected in the life of another, we first have to die.

- Do you agree or disagree with this idea?
- What does it mean to die in order to be the resurrected in the life of another?

Take a look again at 2 Corinthians 4:7-18.

- What do you think it means to 'carry around in our body the death of Jesus'?
- What do you think it means to for 'the life of Jesus to be revealed in our body'?
- What does it mean to be continually given over to death for Jesus' sake?
- How is Jesus life revealed in our mortal body?

Regarding verse 16 Kasey used the analogy of a tree that during winter looks dead on the outside, but inside life is happening and preparing the tree to bloom into the beauty that it truly is.

- In what ways do you find the analogy accurate?
- In what ways would you disagree with the analogy?
- Can you think of any other analogies or examples of 'outwardly wasting away but inwardly being renewed day by day'?

We've talked about Paul's list of hardships and sufferings, and yet in verse 17 Paul talks about 'our light and momentary troubles'.

- Can you recall some of Paul's hardships?
- Would you consider them light and momentary?
- Do you think Paul understood yet when he wrote this that he would die for his faith?
- Do you think Paul would consider his death a 'light and momentary trouble'? How?
- Are there times that you can point back to in your life and say, "in the midst of that, I thought it was the end...but looking back now, it was light and momentary?"
- Are you in the midst of a time now that you feel like it's all ending? Would you allow someone(s) from your group to come alongside you and share it with them?

Take a look again at John 11

- Where in this narrative can we see Jesus as the incarnate in the lives of others?
- Where can we see Jesus as the crucified in the lives of others?
- Where can we see Jesus as the resurrected in the lives of others?

Kasey shared that the resurrection power is about hope...hope that our pain and suffering is not the end, but that something better is coming.

- How is Lazarus a sign, or symbol of this?
- Who all in this narrative shares 'resurrection power' with others, who embodies it?
- What was communicated from this day forward by Lazarus very presence in others lives?
- Is it possible for the same thing to be communicated through us without our physically dying first?

In John 12:10 we are told that the leaders made plans to kill Lazarus as well as Jesus.

- Why? Why would they need to kill Lazarus?
- We don't know from the narrative, but do you think Lazarus lived out his (renewed) days in hiding? How do you think he spent them?
- Do you think Lazarus was afraid to die (again)? Why or why not?
- Do you think Mary and Martha feared death?

Kasey shared that a highlight of the text for him was John 11:16.

- Do you recall why?
- What other examples can you find in the narrative of place sharing?

Kasey shared that being the resurrected in the life of another doesn't require miracles, it's about taking a friend bowling or inviting them over to dinner and allowing our very presence to speak hope into the midst of their pain.

- Can you think of examples in your own life where this has been true?
- Is it really possible that being the resurrected (once dead, now alive) can be as simple as living fully with and for another?
- What do we have to give up in order to live fully with and for another?