

**May 3, 2009**  
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**I Corinthians 15:12-19**

## ***The Reality of the Resurrection***

### **Empty Faith or Empty Tomb**

Bloomsday Sunday  
Sermon given by Daryl Geffken

Did anyone in the group participate in Bloomsday?

Who heard the sermon? At the I Iam worship service or online?

If there are group members who have not heard the sermon then have someone summarize it and/or ask those who have heard it to share something that was note worthy for them.

#### **READ Mark 16:1-8**

As you read this passage try to hear it as if hearing it for the first time. What strikes you as astonishing or remarkable? Is there anything that strikes you as odd? Are you at all surprised by the way the women reacted?

#### **READ I Corinthians 15:12-19**

As you read this passage circle all the "if"s. Which if-then statement impacts you the most?

What do these verses have to say about life "now" and life in "eternity"? Do you tend to think about the importance of the resurrection more for its significance for life now or the future? What challenge does this scripture give you to find more of a both-and attitude?

#### **RESURRECTION NOW**

Mary was at a place of despair and confusion; uncertain about what was next. To what extent are you currently in a place of despair, confusion or uncertainty? In what way has Jesus met you in this place through today's scripture or the message Daryl preached?

Jr. High students who choose to participate in the Urban Plunge mission trip to San Francisco are uncertain about what they are getting themselves into. Where do you choose to put yourself in a place of uncertainty so that God can continue to do construction work on you?

What reminds you that Jesus knows you, loves you, and gives you significance? How does this move you forward in being constructed?

When Daryl talked about the Jr. High student who found herself on the "outside" of a group for the first time and didn't like the feeling were you reminded of a time when you experienced brokenness? Describe the situation. How does that awareness of brokenness and the reality of the resurrection in the midst of it affected how you relate to others?

Where are/can you a story collector?

Is there an individual who you should come to know more deeply? To love more deeply? To validate more significantly? What next step should you take?

#### **PRAY TOGETHER!**

Pray for each individual in your group today so that you experience being known, loved and significant.

We all need 3 things:

- to be known
- to be loved
- to feel significant

*Christian witness is  
not the interpretation of philosophy  
but the continuation of  
the event of God's self disclosure  
in human history.*