

CROSSROADS BIBLE CHURCH

GROWTH GROUP CURRICULUM

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"SENT" - Week 7

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Quick Review

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

My Story

1. On Sunday we heard that modern people use the word "hope" to describe how we feel about something that has a slim chance of happening. We also learned that "hope" in the Bible is more like an expectant certainty. Can you think of a time when you experienced either hope or hopelessness?

How did your hope or the lack of it ultimately effect the situation?

Digging Deeper

1. Over the weekend we were reminded that we know the end of the story, and knowing the ending ought to change our perspective in the midst of tough times. Despite knowing this, we're often consumed with worry to the point of losing hope. What encouragement does Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3:14-21 give to help us overcome our fears or feeling of hopelessness?

Can you think of any fears that consistently pop up in your life and cause you to lose hope?

2. Jesus rising from the dead is foundational to the Christian faith because it is the proof that Christ is who he claimed to be – our Savior and God's only son. But it also impacts how we live out our faith. What importance does 1 Corinthians 15:12-19 place on Christ's resurrection for us in our Christian walk?

What do Romans 5:6-8 and 6:5-7 add to your understanding of the importance of Christ's death and resurrection for us?

3. It is because of Jesus resurrection that we can believe Him and the promises in the Scriptures. Read the following verses that depict what Jesus said about himself. For each one, identify what he says about himself and any ways you can think of for how his description of himself can have an impact on our lives as believers.

John 6:35, John 8:12, John 10:7-10, John 10:14-15, John 11:25, John 14:6

4. The Apostle Paul emphasized the importance of the resurrection to Christians when he wrote: "if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:17). Suppose a friend or co-worker asked if how you could believe in the resurrection. How could the following verses help you respond to them?

Matthew 27:62-65, 1 Corinthians 15:2-8, Matthew 28:11-15

TAKING IT HOME

1. Looking back at the descriptions of Jesus you listed above, is there one that you'd like to keep in mind this semester?
2. Write the verse that most encourages you somewhere you are likely to see it regularly as a reminder of the hope we have in Jesus.