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A NEW HOPE DAWNS!

Small Group Questions Week 2

1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-19. Paul says that if Christ did not rise from the dead, then his preaching and our faith is useless. Why would this be true? What did Christ's resurrection prove?

Answer – Our faith would be useless because we are trusting in a dead man. A dead man can save no one. Christ's resurrection proved that he was who he said he was, God. It proved that all of his promises were true, that he could give us eternal life.
2. Pastor Rick said that the fact that 12 of the 13 apostles (including Paul) and many of Christ's disciples were willing to die for what they believed about Christ is a strong proof that Christ rose from the dead. Do you agree? Why or why not?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8. Paul says that there were over 500 brothers who saw Christ after his resurrection and that many of them were still alive. Why is that significant?

Answer—These were eye witnesses to the resurrection and eyewitness testimony is the best proof of the validity of any claim.
4. Pastor Rick said that the resurrection of Jesus gives us hope in 6 ways, what are they? Which one is most important to you? Why? Discuss the importance of each.

Answer—A. The hope that we are completely forgiven. B. The hope that death is nothing to fear. C. The hope that the Holy Spirit lives in each believer and will raise us up from the dead. D. The hope that God loves me with an everlasting love. E. The hope of having a purpose for this life that we live. F. The hope of a place in heaven waiting for us.
5. If Jesus had the power and ability to rise from the dead, what possibilities does that open up for us as Christians?

Answer—This means that everything God wants to do in our lives is possible. He can resurrect a failed marriage, a failed relationship, a failed business or job. He can do anything, so all is possible for a believer.