

RECAP

As we continue to reflect on our 100 year celebration, what are you still thinking about, what are you grateful for, what are some things that get you excited about the days and years ahead of us?

What are some of the themes that you see as consistent and continuing into our future?

IDEA 1

Jesus speaks directly to the fear of death. Jesus offers hope. Jesus didn't just offer consolation, He offered resurrection. He didn't just mourn death, He offered life.

How does the promise of resurrection impact your fears about death?

What comfort does this bring to your encounters with the death of loved ones?

What kind of posture does this bring to the uncertainties of life?

IDEA 2

Jesus also gives us MORE in this life - more life to our life - more purpose, significance, buoyancy, power to live for Him and His kingdom.

What is the kind of life that the world craves versus the kind of life that Jesus offers?

What has it looked like for you to allow Jesus to satisfy your cravings for purpose and significance?

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

If God were to say yes to every prayer you've prayed in the past year, would your life be more comfortable or would God be more glorified? My prayer life tells me what I want MORE of in this life. It's not about our comfort, it's all about His kingdom.

Take some time of quiet to reflect and journal. Look back over the last year and notice the kind of prayers that you've brought to God. Notice the prayers that have been more about your comfort and notice the prayers that have been about His kingdom.

Share your observations with each other.

Now, with this in mind, pray together.

APPLICATION

Think about the main spheres of your life. Ie. Family, Work, Social, Local Community, etc.

Take time to pray and listen for each of these spheres. How is God bringing resurrection life and renewal into something that has been dead and broken? How could you join Him in what He is doing?

Some examples: Offer to pray for someone for physical healing, go on a prayer walk in your neighborhood, reach out to repair a broken relationship, engage in an act of service for someone at work, write a note of encouragement to someone, pick up trash somewhere in our community.