

Talk It Over

Questions are prepared each week by the teaching pastor and are designed to prompt insights, questions, and the life experience of each listener. If these are used in a group immediately following the talk, it would be much the same as what was done in Israel at the time of the early church. They will also be useful to individuals who want a deeper understanding of the message.

You don't need to answer all of the questions. Choose one or several to think about on your own or to discuss if you are meeting in a group.

1. How does Jesus's prediction of his suffering, death, and resurrection challenge the disciples' understanding of success and triumph in Matthew 16:21-23?
2. Discuss the concept of "order-disorder-reorder" or "life-death-resurrection" and its relevance to the human experience.
3. Why does Jesus rebuke Peter's response to his prediction of suffering and death, and what does this reveal about human resistance to change and loss?
4. Reflect on the idea that the unraveling or disordering in life may be a necessary precursor to new life or resurrection. How can this perspective provide hope and resilience during challenging times?
5. In what ways can we recognize and address our own tendencies to resist change or cling to what is familiar, even when it may hinder our spiritual or emotional development?
6. Reflect on a recent experience of unraveling or loss in your life. How might viewing this experience through the lens of potential resurrection or new beginnings bring hope and resilience to your journey?

