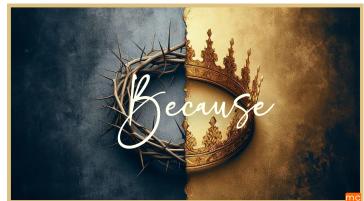


Our Talk It Over is prepared each week by the teaching pastor and is designed to prompt insights, questions and dialogue based on the life experience of each listener. Using these in a group setting after hearing the message is similar to the practices of the early church in Israel.

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- 1. What part of the Easter story—Good Friday, Holy Saturday, or Easter Sunday—do you most resonate with right now, and why?
- 2. Many people "look forward" to Good Friday services. What do you think draws people to a time focused on death and suffering?



- 3. The disciples on the road to Emmaus didn't recognize Jesus until they engaged in a spiritual practice a tradition that helped open their eyes to see. What spiritual practices have helped open your eyes to God's presence?
- 4. Have you ever had a "three days in the grave" experience—where something ended, but the new hadn't come yet? What helped you endure that time?
- 5. What does it mean to you that resurrection isn't something we earn, but something God is always bringing about?
- 6. Where in your life do you feel something has ended, but resurrection hasn't happened yet? What would it look like to wait with hope?
- 7. What spiritual practices could help train your eyes to recognize the new life God may already be bringing about?
- 8. What would it look like for you to "develop your spiritual eyes" in this season of life? What's one step you can take this week to start?