



# TALK IT OVER

*Our Talk It Over is designed to prompt insights, questions and dialogue based on the life experience of each participant. 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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## WARM UP:

Which part of the New Testament do you read most often—the Gospels, Acts, the Letters, or Revelation? Why?

## DISCUSS:

1. Why do you think we have four different Gospel accounts instead of just one?
2. The early church shared all possessions communally. Paul's letters addressed specific situations in specific churches. Why is context important when reading and applying the Bible to our lives?
3. Can you share a time when something in your life had to "die" before something new could begin?
4. What's one step you can take this week to better understand the Bible's context?
5. How do you respond when you encounter confusing or contradictory passages in Scripture?
6. What current situation in your life needs New Testament wisdom about following Jesus?
7. What area of your life feels like it's in a "death" phase right now? How does resurrection hope speak to that?

## APPLY:

Read one complete book of the New Testament this week. Before starting, research its context (who wrote it, to whom, why). Notice how context affects your understanding.

## PRAY:

Gracious God, thank you for the New Testament and for revealing Jesus to us through different voices and perspectives. Help us read Scripture with understanding and apply it with wisdom. In seasons of death and disorder, remind us of your promise of resurrection. Transform us through your word this week. In Jesus' name, Amen.

