

Living In Light of the Resurrection

Acts 2:41-47

Introduction:

- A. As we talked about this morning, the evidence points to the truth of the resurrection.
- B. The resurrection of Jesus made a huge impact in the lives of the early Christians.
- C. Let's notice some things that should happen in our lives as we live in light of the resurrection.

Pursue Opportunities to be Together

- A. The early church wanted to be together (Acts 2:42, 46).
 - 1. We are called not to neglect the assembly (Heb. 10:24-25).
 - 2. We are called to show hospitality (Rom. 12:13; I Pet. 4:9).
- B. Our being together is for our own good (Eccl. 4:9-12).

Pray for Opportunities to Speak Jesus

- A. The early church could not stop talking about Jesus (Acts 4:18-20).
- B. They did not pray for the persecution to stop, but for boldness to continue speaking (Acts 4:23-31).
- C. Paul asked others to pray for opportunities to preach even while in prison (Col. 4:2-4).

Seek Opportunities to Serve Others

- A. The early church shared and helped provide for the needs of others (Acts 4:32-37).
- B. We are called to help take care of others (Gal. 6:10; Eph. 4:28; Jam. 2:14-17).

Take Opportunities to Demonstrate Your Faith

- A. The early church demonstrated their faith (trust) through their actions.
 - 1. They sold off their extra lands/houses and gave the proceeds to be distributed (Acts 4:34-35).
 - 2. They preached in the midst of scattering due to persecution (Acts 8:1-4).
 - 3. They placed their lives on the line (Acts 9:10-19; 14:19-23).
- B. We are called to live out our faith and trust in God (Psalm 28:7).

Conclusion:

- A. Each Lord's Day we gather and celebrate the greatest victory the world has ever known: Jesus' victory over death.
- B. While celebrating this victory is important, let's not forget to live lives each day to demonstrate our belief that the tomb is empty.