

rc. groups. Beloved: Easter Sunday

 Mar 31 | The Resurrection & the Life

questions.

- What was something you are celebrating from this Easter Weekend?
- This was not a traditional Easter sermon, but the message of the Resurrection is here. What is one thing that sticks out to you from the Easter Message?
- The story of Lazarus is a reality for many of us. We pray to God for someone in a life and death situation, and they don't make it. How would you describe Martha's despair at the loss of her brother?
- Maybe your Lazarus situation wasn't as dire. It wasn't a life or death situation, but what were your thoughts when God didn't answer your prayer the way you expected?
- Is it hard for you to accept that Jesus allows hard things to happen in your life? Why or why not? Did you feel that Jesus was absent in those times?
- Martha felt Jesus was absent when she most needed him, and it impacted the sincerity of her prayers in that moment. Have you ever been insincere in your prayers? Can you elaborate on why you were insincere?
- Do you think that Jesus's heart breaks over your pain, even if He does not answer your prayers the way you want?
- "Jesus wants to invade your present reality." Matt Chandler • What is your first response to this quote?
- What suffering do you empathize with in our world wanting God to eliminate it and bring new life to the situation? What in your life died and you are longing to hear him say, "Lazarus, come out!"?
- Have you ever thought of Jesus weeping, not because Lazarus was dead, but because He was so angry about the impact of sin? What do you think about that?
- What do you think breaks Jesus' heart the most?

- The death and resurrection of Jesus, at its core, was God's greatest act of love so that you and I could spend eternity with Him. Pastor Phill went on to say "Salvation is more than a decision, it's a resurrection." What does this mean to you?
- Why do you think some people live with such little urgency to be obedient to Jesus after they have accepted Jesus as their Savior?
- How would you describe your sense of urgency when it comes to sharing the message of Jesus with others?
- Who are you asking God to bring back to life? (Salvation)
- At the heart of Jesus, His life was given for ALL, and He wants everyone to have a new life in Him. And we know this because "Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us." Romans 8:34