

“Jesus Is Alive!”
LG Questions for the Week of March 16, 2008

Getting Started

1. Looking back on your life, what was your earliest experience with death—a pet, a sibling, a grandparent, a parent, a childhood friend? How successful were you in dealing with this loss, and what did you find to be the biggest help in dealing with it?

Getting Into the Bible

2. Read Matthew 27:62—28:11. After Jesus died and was buried, what steps were taken to secure his tomb? In spite of the steps taken, what amazing discovery did his disciples make in visiting his tomb on Sunday morning? Two different stories began to circulate to explain the empty tomb—one told by an angel and the other by the soldiers. What were their stories, and which do you find most credible?
3. Read Luke 24:36-43. When Jesus appeared to his disciples, what was their first impression about him? How did he prove they were wrong and that he had a real human body? Based on this and the other accounts of his resurrection, what do you find to be the most compelling reason to believe that Jesus is alive again?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-7, 14-19. According to Paul, how important is it to believe in the resurrection of Jesus? Why do you think he says that if only in this life we have hope in Christ, “we are of all people to be most pitied”? Do you agree with this sentiment? If not, why not? If so, explain why the resurrection important to you.

Getting Personal and Practical

5. Now that you’re no longer a child, do you find it easier to deal with death? If not, whose death has been especially hard for you to deal with? Why? Take a few minutes to discuss with your group steps you can take individually or as a group to more fully take “the sting” out of death, as Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15:55? How could this kind of support become a ministry to those who don’t yet know Jesus?