



INTRODUCTION / WEEK 2 / April 14, 15 & 18

“Brand New” is the theme of Calvary’s new message series. Following Jesus’ resurrection on Easter, the most powerful witness to this truth were the “brand new” disciples. In the same way God wants to transform and make you “brand new” in Christ’s love.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does Tony Campolo’s quote, “if I should wake before I die,” mean? In what ways are some individuals today not fully awake and truly living before they die?
2. How is the Easter message more than simply focusing on one’s resurrection and promises of heaven when they physically die? How is the message of Easter also about living brand new lives right now?
3. Read John 10:10. How would you interpret this passage? What kind of full and abundant life did Jesus come to this world to give us?
4. Read Matthew 28:5-7;10.
5. Describe how the resurrection of Jesus actually happened in the disciples themselves? In what ways did they become brand new?
6. What do you think about the statement that “the greatest proof of the resurrection of Jesus is the resurrected disciples?” Who are some people in whom you have experienced the resurrection? How has Jesus made them brand new? How is he making you brand new?
7. What are some things on your “bucket list?” Name some ways you can do and live those things right now rather than waiting for the end of your life?
8. List some ways that the resurrection is impacting your life right now. What does it mean to live in the joy of Christ’s love and forgiveness?

MOVING FORWARD

It has been said that we are often the “only sermon about Jesus” that some individuals ever see or experience. How are they experiencing the resurrected Jesus in you? Are they able to see Christ’s brand new love in you? Make some specific plans for how you will shine forth Jesus’ resurrection in you this coming week.

PRAYER

Loving God; We thank you for raising Jesus from the dead on Easter so that we might have life now and the promise of life everlasting. Teach us, Loving God, to live and experience each day this brand new-life found in Jesus’ resurrection. Empower us then to shine forth Jesus’ love and grace in such a way that other people are able to see the resurrected and living Christ in us. We pray all this in Jesus’ name. Amen.