



**Rescue #2**  
**Resurrection hope**  
**1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

**Jesus' resurrection gives us hope because:**

**1. We have been completely \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace." Ephesians 1:7 NIV*

*"All of us have strayed away like sheep. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the guilt and sins of us all. From prison and trial they led him away to his death. But who among the people realized that he was dying for their sins—that he was suffering their punishment? He had done no wrong, and had never deceived anyone. But he was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man's grave. But it was God's plan that he should suffer... Yet when his life is made an offering for sin, he will have a multitude of children, many heirs." Isaiah 53:6-10 NLT*

*"Jesus was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised from the dead to make us right with God." Romans 4:25 NLT*

**2. We are no longer afraid to \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"I AM the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die like everyone else, will live again." John 11:25 NLT*

*"We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eye-witnesses of his majesty." 2 Peter 1:16 NIV*

*"For forty days after his death he appeared to them many times in ways that proved beyond doubt that he was alive. They saw him, and he talked with them about the Kingdom of God." Acts 1:3 TEV*

*"Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, as the Scriptures said. He was seen by Peter and then by the twelve apostles. After that, he was seen by more than five hundred of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died by now. Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. Last of all, I saw him, too..." 1 Corinthians 15:3-8 NLT*

**3. We now have God's \_\_\_\_\_ in us.**

*"When the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 NLT*

*"I pray that you will begin to understand the incredible greatness of his power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead." Ephesians 1:19-20 NLT*

**4. God will never stop \_\_\_\_\_ us.**

*God: "I have loved you with an everlasting love." Jeremiah 31:3 NIV*

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3:16-17 NIV*

**5. We know the \_\_\_\_\_ we're created for.**

*"The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me; your love, O Lord, endures for ever." Psalm 138:8 NIV*

*Jesus: "My purpose is to give life in all its fullness." John 10:10 NLT*

**6. We have an eternal \_\_\_\_\_ waiting for us.**

*"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him." 1 Corinthians 2:9 NIV*

*"I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6 NIV*

*"For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9 NLT*



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## SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

Each week we will produce the Talk It Over sermon discussion questions, as we would do normally. But as these aren't normal times, we encourage you to use the Talk It Over sermon discussion questions in a different way. Here are some suggestions:

- Immediately after the online experience has ended, grab a cuppa and then sit and discuss the questions with your husband/wife/family. If you are on your own, arrange to ring another person and chat through the questions over the phone or Skype etc.
- If you are able, meet virtually as a small group through the various free online conference resources such as Microsoft teams, Skype, Zoom etc.
- Personally, take some time through the week to quietly reflect and go through the questions on your own and apply the message to your life.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Read Ephesians 1:7. How can being tied to God's forgiveness remove the regrets and resentments that keep people from living what is God's best for their lives?
2. How can remembering Christ's sacrifice and supremacy over death give a person contagious hope?
3. In Jeremiah 31:3, God describes his love for you. What does the word "everlasting" mean to you? How does this give you confidence?

4. Do you ever face challenging situations when things aren't going well that you forget this promise in Jeremiah 31:3? If you concentrate on God's love, how can it turn hopelessness into joy?
5. In John 3:16-17, Jesus promises that if you believe in Him, you will never perish. How does that give you hope for the future? Do you ever put this wonderful promise in the back of your mind and overlook the hope of God's assurance? If so, brainstorm ways that can help you remember and incorporate the promises into your daily life.
6. Read 1 Corinthians 2:9. What are some of the common fears people have about death?
7. Because of Christ's resurrection, how does looking at death as merely a transition to another life bring hope?
8. What do you think heaven is going to be like? How does a vision of heaven increase hope here on earth?
9. How confidently do live in the reality that you have received forgiveness, power and eternal life because of Christ's resurrection? Think prayerfully about your response before you answer. How does the magnitude of Christ's redeeming work affect your daily life?
10. Seeing the resurrected Christ changed the disciples from hopeless to hopeful. They also gained confidence, courage and joy. How does knowing Christ was resurrected change your world view? Think of some ways this year's Easter celebration can increase your spiritual maturity, confidence and hope.