



Life Group Study Notes

"Easter- The Human Right"

Bishop Rice Brooks – April 1, 2018

Warm Up (10-15 minutes)

Choose a question below to answer, or ask another. No right or wrong answers.

- What does the truth mean to you?
- What do you consider to be acceptable evidence for belief?

Word (10-15 minutes)

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1 Corinthians 15:17 “And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

”Did you know that Jesus’s death, burial, and resurrection is historically verifiable? The Christian faith is the only worldview that is founded on an event that actually happened in history. This event is what the message of the Gospel is all about. The Gospels serve as eye witness testimonies of Jesus’s life and work culminating in His death, burial, and resurrection.

Many people struggle with the reality that there is evil in the world. We experience it in our lives, and often hear about it in the news. As a consequence we often find cause to doubt that God even exists. How can a good, all powerful God allow evil to exist? The answer is, that if God eliminated evil He would be forced to get rid of all of humanity. The sinful human heart is the reason why moral evil exists in the world. God decided that getting rid of humanity wasn’t the answer. Instead He added humanity to Himself as the messiah, and died for our sins. Instead of eliminating humanity altogether Jesus made a way for the problem to be dealt with at the root. By dying on the cross Jesus made a way for the sinful human heart to be cured.

John 18:37-38 “Pilate said, “So you are a king? Jesus responded, “You say I am a king. Actually, I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true.” “What is truth?...”

The message of the Gospel is still the answer for the problems in the world. Social Justice on its own is not enough because it doesn’t address the root of the problems. Only the truth and our basic human right to know it can truly mend the brokenness in the world, and in our own heart. “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed

by their Creator with certain unalienable rights...” What will end racism, sexism, and all the isms in the world that create enmity between us? Only the truth of Jesus Christ. We all see the problem of evil in the world, but only the cross addresses the problem of the evil in our own heart.

Discussion (10-15 minutes)

Choose one of the points below, and discuss how the lesson applies to our lives.

- In what ways has the cross impacted your life?
- In what ways can you see the message of the gospel transform society?

Prayer (10-15 minutes)

Pray for any of the following, as well as any other requests you may have.

- Pray that the message of reconciliation which Christ afforded on the cross would impact our lives, our societies, and the nations. That the offended will forgive the offender.
- Pray that the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the resurrected King would reach the nations, and that God would raise up leaders who would carry this message to the nations.