

CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

John 20:1-18 – Easter Encounters

1) What do you enjoy most about Easter?

2) Read **John 20v1-18**

a) What was the most encouraging point Al made when he preached from this passage?

b) What convinces you most that Jesus rose from the dead and is alive today?

3) Read **Ephesians 2v1-7**

a) What was our spiritual condition before God saved us?

b) How did we all show that we were dead?

c) What did we deserve?

d) What did God do for us and why?

e) Why is the Resurrection of Jesus so important in all of this?

4) Read **Colossians 3v1-11**

a) What motivation are we given to have hearts, minds and lives that please God?

b) What do you think it means to say, “Christ, who is your life..” (v4)

c) Why aren't the actions and attitudes in v5-10 appropriate for us if we have been raised with Christ?

d) What difference will remembering you are alive with Christ make to you this week?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read **1 Corinthians 15v1-28**

- a) Why does Paul emphasise that Jesus rose 'according to the Scriptures' (v3 & v4)?
- b) What does ch15 add to the evidence for Jesus' resurrection?
- c) List some reasons why would it be a problem if we found that Jesus' resurrection was a fake?
- d) What difference does knowing Jesus has been raised make to our view of death? (v12 onwards)
- e) What does Paul mean by calling Jesus 'the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep (v20 & v23)?
- f) If you knew someone who was scared of death, what might it be helpful to point out from ch15?
- g) Pray through and thank God for the resurrection of Jesus and the difference it makes to you.

CONNECT IN PRAYER

Please pray **Lewes Schools and children**, especially as they go back this week. Pray especially for our links with South Malling School and for the impact of Al's regular assemblies there.

Please continue to pray about the **Tesco Land** opposite our building, that we might receive a favourable response from Tesco so that we can put the land to good use and improve our church's visibility.

Let's remember those suffering as a result of the **Malaysian Airline and Korean Ferry Disasters**. Pray they'd know the comfort and hope of Jesus and that Christians would know how reach out to them.

CONNECT WITH CHURCH LIFE

Church Prayer Week 11th to 17th May. We'll be following the usual pattern of Sunday 7-15pm to 9pm; Wednesday (Men) 7-45pm to 9-30pm; Thursday (Women) 7-45pm to 9-30pm; Saturday (with Breakfast) 8am to 9-30am.

Would you have a couple of hours spare to help collect donations for **Christian Aid** with other Lewes Churches during **11th to 17th May**? Christian Aid does some fantastic work with some of the poorest people around the world. Please let Al Pickering (405455) or Cat Fletcher (07999 077744) know if you're interested or want to know more about what it would involve. www.christianaid.org.uk

The next **Freedom in Christ** course will run for 7 Thursday evenings starting on **5th June**. It aims to help any Christian get to grips with the Bible's teaching on our identity in Christ. It follows through to practical steps to deal with on-going sin and wrong thinking, as well as handling emotions, past hurts and forgiving others. Please contact Al Pickering (405455 / al@kingschurchlewes.org) if you'd like a place on the course or more information.