



Love God Love People Live Like We Mean It

Death Brings Life

Some of the best movies have a surprise with an inconceivable plot twist. The story seems to be unfolding toward one particular outcome, and then suddenly everything changes. The gospel of Jesus death and resurrection is the greatest plot twist in human history. His death and resurrection showed that the way to life came through death.

His death and resurrection freed us from the penalty of our sin, and it also showed us a model to follow. When we are seeking a more fulfilling life there is often something that must die in us to bring about the new life.

For example: If we want to be more healthy, our addiction to food and comfort will need to be laid to rest before our new healthy life becomes a reality.

You may be striving to live in a new way, but until you come to peace with letting your old ways die, you will always live under the stress of a divided heart.

Here are some verses on this biblical plot twist?

Read - John 12:24-25

“Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.”

Read the following verses in Romans 8:1-17

Now read Romans 8:28

"And we know that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose."

Pause for 5 Minutes of Journaling - What thoughts and emotions is this topic stirring inside of you?

Break into small groups to read discuss the following questions.

Questions to Consider:

- Since we know God is love and works all things for our good, why would he tell you to “hate your life?”
- Can you share any experiences with the group where you have given up something in your life and found greater peace and joy after you let it die?
- Is there anything you need to let die now? Would you be bold enough to share it with the group and have them pray for you tonight?
- What new things do you believe God wants to raise up in place of what you are letting go of?

Gather Back as One Group and Share What You Got From Today's Discussions - End In Prayer