



Small group discussion questions April 2017

Chapter & verse – David Downing (page 16)

Read Matthew 28:1-10 followed by David Downing's article.

1. How important is resurrection to you in your Christian faith?
2. David notes in the first paragraph of 'Chapter & verse' that there are no accounts of the resurrection of Jesus in the Bible stories. Why do you imagine, think or feel that is?
3. Considering Bruce Springsteen's idea of resurrection (paragraph three), do you have a picture of a resurrection from your faith or your life? Describe it to each other.
4. In paragraphs four to seven, David talks about finding elements of Good Friday and of resurrection in Detroit. Are there Good Friday and Easter Day places which you know? Can you say why they speak of Good Friday or Easter to you?
5. What could a vision or process of resurrection look like in your life, your church, your community or city?
6. In paragraphs eight and nine David talks about sudden moments and slow experiences. Have you had experience of both in your spiritual life? Which is more important?
7. Who is the risen Christ to you today?
8. What would you like other people, unconnected to your church, to feel, share or know about the resurrection of Christ? How would you say that in words?

For further reflection: 'For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.' Ephesians 2:6 (New Living Translation)

Prayer: Risen Christ, inspire us to turn places of Good Friday into Easter new life with our words, prayers and lives. Amen