

Home Group Questions

the week of 4/8/2018

Luke 24:1-3

CREATIVE GENIUS OF JESUS

GETTING STARTED...

This past Sunday, Dr. Thaddeus Williams spoke about mirroring the creative genius of Jesus and spoke from Luke 24:1-3.

LOOKING IN THE WORD...

1. Read Luke 24:1-7. Jesus' resurrection was the "first fruits" or first example of many more resurrections to come of those who have placed their faith and trust in Jesus Christ. Jesus' body was gone from the tomb and we later find out that this "glorified body could be touched (i.e. Jesus invited Thomas to touch the nail prints in his hands ...John 20). Read the following and discuss this reading as a group:

"While the Bible doesn't describe in detail the glorified bodies we will receive in heaven, we know that they will be like that of Jesus' resurrected body. Our human bodies are described in [1 Corinthians 15:42-53](#) as perishable, dishonorable, and weak, all due to sin. Our glorified bodies will be imperishable, honorable, and powerful. Our new bodies will be no longer "natural" bodies, but "spiritual" bodies, no longer focused upon the natural senses but at one with the Holy Spirit.

As imperishable bodies, they will no longer suffer from sickness and death, nor will they ever be subject to heat and cold or hunger and thirst. Our new bodies will be honorable in that they will not be shamed or shameful because of sin. When Adam and Eve sinned, the first thing they felt was shame because of their nakedness ([Genesis 3:6-7](#)). Although the Bible doesn't portray glorified bodies as being naked, but rather clothed in white garments ([Revelation 3:4-5, 18](#)), they will be pure and undefiled by sin."

2. Read 2 Corinthians 15:42-53. What reassurances does this passage give you about your resurrection one day and the type of body you will possess for all of eternity? What questions does this raise....and even though the Bible may not give you all the details of your glorified body....how do you deal with these questions in your own heart? (i.e. the role of faith and trust in dealing with unanswered questions).

3. Read Philippians 3:12-21. Paul teaches the Philippians to forget what lies behind in verse 13. Why do you think it was important for Paul to communicate this truth to the Philippians? What does this truth have to do with the promise of the resurrection and our glorified state in the future? Paul then reminds them to press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God. "Pressing on" gives a picture of the way in which we are to live each day of our lives, especially considering Paul's admonition in verse 15 of "holding true." How does the phrase "pressing on" help you in understanding the nature of obedience to Christ? What are some ways in which you have felt the need to "press on" when temptations and circumstances around you seemed difficult?

4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:6-8. Here Paul reminds us of how our view of heaven and our final destination ought to change the way we live today. So often, we want to cling to this life and the things of this world. How can we avoid falling into that trap? What are some ways we can keep focused on "kingdom objectives?" How can we keep eternal values as central to the way in which we live our lives every day?

MOVING FORWARD...

Spend some time praying for the ability to set your mind on things above without losing sight of the tasks God has for you here on earth (Read Philippians 1:21-23).