

## CVC SERMON GUIDE/LIFE GROUPS

What is something (or someone) you can never get enough of?

- Why does that matter so much to you?
- Do you think it truly satisfies you long-term?

👉 *Do these things actually fill us... or do they still leave us wanting more?*

👉 Easter is about the opposite: not empty life—but **full, resurrected life**.

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**Scripture 1: A New Way to Live Together:** 📖 **Read: Acts 4:32–37**

### Key Idea:

The resurrection didn't just change beliefs—it changed how people lived.

### Discussion Questions:

- What stands out to you about how this community lived?
- What does “being one in heart and mind” look like practically?
- Why do you think generosity flowed so naturally?

### Teaching Highlights:

- This happened shortly after Jesus' resurrection and ascension
- The Holy Spirit created unity and radical care
- Example: Barnabas gave sacrificially—no pressure, just transformation

👉 Real resurrection life leads to real love for others.

**Scripture 2: From Death to Life:** 📖 **Read: Ephesians 2:1–10**

### Big Idea:

We don't just improve our lives—Jesus gives us **new life entirely**.

### Break it Down:

- **Verses 1–3:** Old life = spiritually dead, self-focused
- **Verses 4–7:** God's mercy brings us to life through Jesus
- **Verses 8–10:** It's a gift, not earned—we are His workmanship

### Discussion Questions:

- What does “spiritually dead” mean to you?
- What stands out about God's character in this passage?
- Why is it important that salvation is a gift, not something we earn?

- What does it mean that you are God’s “masterpiece”?

### **Key Truths:**

- You were dead → now alive
- You were empty → now filled
- You were self-oriented → now God-oriented

👉 This is what Easter makes possible.

### **Personal Reflection & Application**

#### **Ask:**

- How has Jesus changed your life (if at all)?
- Where do you still feel “empty” right now?
- What would it look like to fully live this new life?

#### **Challenge Statements:**

1. You were dead—now live like you’re alive
2. Stop chasing empty things
3. Start living a life centered on Jesus and others

#### **Quote:**

Jaroslav Pelikan —

“If Christ is risen, nothing else matters. If Christ is not risen, nothing else matters.”

### **Reflection Exercise**

#### **Prompt:**

If you only had one year to live, what would change?

Easter means you don’t have to wait—you can live that way **now**.

### **Prayer & Closing**

- Receiving new life in Jesus
- Letting go of empty pursuits
- Living boldly and generously
- Becoming someone who brings life to others

#### **Final Question to Leave With:**

👉 *What is one way you will live out resurrection life this week?*

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