



Introduction.

Over the years people have deserted the Christian faith because of some apparent Biblical incongruence which they have struggled to reconcile. Whilst people's experiences and concerns are very real to them, there is something else that stands as the foundation of our faith, something far greater than Biblical concern. Our faith stands on an event that changed the world forever - the resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ. The implications of that truth reverberate down through the centuries to us today and impact our lives.

Ice Breaker: What rules and regulations did you grow up with as a child that have stayed with you?

Share... (pick one or two to talk about)

- What do you feel about the fact that Christianity was brand new to the gentiles? They knew nothing of the Old Testament, nothing of the commandments of the Jews, yet they still flocked to the this new faith. Why?
- Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8. Paul speaks of the death and resurrection of Christ as being of first importance. Why do you believe he makes that emphasis? (Remember: the Corinthians know little to nothing of God and Judaism)
- How do you feel about Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 in regards to sharing your faith from an apologetic view point? (Apologetist argues for the faith, usually using evidence)
- The future of the gentiles (that's most of us!) being in the church "hung in the balance" at the Jerusalem council (Read Acts 15). How does this speak into your faith journey?
- The early church coupled Jesus' commands of "love one another" with others like: "don't fear, don't worry, don't doubt" and an extraordinary trust in God, and changed the world. What stands in the way of you to change your corner of the world? What would it take for you to be a world changer?
- Read Acts 15:19. What does the church do to make it difficult for people to follow Christ? What can you/we do better as a church to make it easy for people turning to God, without watering down the truth of the gospel?

Bottom Line

Jesus' resurrection changed everything and continues to stand as the foundation of our faith. What can you do differently that demonstrates to others that His resurrection has transformed your life? Are you that different to others in your community? As we move into the next few weeks discovering how Jesus' resurrection makes his commands make sense, let's commit to saying 'Yes' to Jesus because of what He has done.

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