

we are...*resurrection people*



## **Week 1**

The resurrection changes **EVERYTHING!**

### ***Acts 1:8***

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere – in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

The Great I AM **RESIDES** in us!

### ***Romans 8:14-16***

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, 'Abba, Father.' For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.

I AM **DEFINES** who WE ARE.

### ***Romans 8:11***

The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you. (Romans 8:11, NLT)

**We are CARRIERS of resurrection power!**

“The hope... was not for a rescue operation that would snatch Israel (or humans or the faithful) FROM the world, but for a rescue operation that would be FOR the world, an operation through which redeemed humans would play once more the role for which they were designed. It was the hope for a renewed world in which justice and mercy would reign forever.” (N.T. Wright)

**SO WHAT?**

**Step FULLY into who WE ARE because He is I AM.**

**Notes:**



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## **How to start a relationship with God:**

- 1) Admitting that you, like everyone else, are in need of rescue.
- 2) Asking God to forgive your sins.
- 3) Saying YES to God by trusting Jesus as Savior & Lord.

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

**Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to look to you and follow you all the days of my life.  
In Your name, Amen.**

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## **For Further Reflection:**

:: What is your favorite comeback story? What makes that particular story resonate with you?

:: Pastor Josh mentions that the resurrection of Jesus changes everything. Reflect upon the various ways that this statement is true.

:: Josh mentioned Peter and James as examples of transformation.

Who else in the New Testament are examples of transformation?

:: How has the truth about the resurrection impacted your own journey?

:: Read Acts 1:8 and Acts 2:1-4.

:: Discuss the importance of the arrival of the Holy Spirit.

:: What are some of the implications of I AM residing in us?

:: Read Romans 8:14-16.

:: How can the truth about our son-ship/daughter-ship change the way we think and live?

:: Read Romans 8:11. We are carriers of resurrection power!

:: What does that mean for us as individuals?

:: How should that inform our interactions with others?

:: In what ways can you begin to bring resurrection power to your circle of influence?

:: Re-read the quote from NT Wright: Do you agree with the idea of being saved FOR the world rather than FROM the world? Why or why not?

:: To whom can you begin to share the message of Jesus? (Like the "big, blonde guy" from Murphy's story)

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