

**FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION**  
**Resurrection Sunday - Ephesians 2:1-10 - "The Dead Made Alive"**

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?  
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. Do you have any Easter traditions that you look forward to every year (or did you have any during your childhood)?  
What are those traditions and why did you look forward to them each year?  
Was there any way in which these traditions centered upon and/or drew your mind to the resurrection of Jesus?
3. All four gospels record the resurrection of Jesus (*Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, & John 20*)  
What stands out to you about the resurrected Jesus and His interactions with his disciples and others after He arose?  
Why is the resurrection of Jesus just every bit as important as His death on the cross?
4. Read Ephesians 2:1-3.  
How do these verses describe the natural trajectory of all of humanity?  
What is the problem that every single person (other than Jesus) face as outlined in this passage?  
What does it mean to be "dead in our trespasses and sins"?  
What does this mean about our role in the salvation we receive in Christ?
5. Read Ephesians 2:4-10  
How these verses provide the only solution to the problem outlined in the previous three verses?  
How does the reality of Jesus' resurrection impact our understanding of this passage?  
Why do you feel the Lord (through Paul) places such an emphasis on grace being given toward us?  
How do verses 9 & 10 give clarity as to the purpose of good works that we do in life & what our motivation should be?
6. How does Christ's resurrection impact your life on a constant basis?  
How does the resurrection help you in times of fear, hopelessness, or discouragement in this life?
7. I asked [and provided the following answers to] the question: *So...what should we "do"?*  
Are any of these statements new to you? Are any of them particularly encouraging, convicting, or challenging for you? Why?
  1. *Acknowledge the truth: we sin & deserve hell!*
  2. *Trust in Jesus, who defeated sin AND death!*
  3. *Thank God for His love, mercy, and grace!*
  4. *Remain/abide in Christ and walk by the Spirit!*
  5. *Live our lives in light of our identity in Christ!*