

Historical Faith: The Resurrection

Family Edition Week 3: Why Die For A Lie?

KEY SCRIPTURE:

“Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God....while they stoned him Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” - Acts 7:56, 59.

KEY TAKEAWAY:

They saw the risen Lord! “Death is all around us. We are not afraid. Written is the story! Empty is the grave” – Kip Fox, This Dust

START TALKING:

What’s the worst lie you ever heard? Why was it so bad?

START PRAYING:

Dear Jesus... you rose from the grave... We have victory in you... and that cannot be taken away... even death cannot win! Amen!

START STUDYING:

- Read Acts 7:54-8:1. What happened to Stephen? How does that make you feel?
- Is being a Christian in a place where Christians are hated sound like an easy thing to do?
- What terrible thing can happen to Christians by some people?
- Would you be willing to be killed for something you knew was a lie? Did the disciples like Stephen act like that?
- Read 1 Corinthians 15:54-58. What has been swallowed up in victory? Notice the victory chant! What does this call us to do in verse 58? How does the story really end for every Christian?

START APPLYING:

- If death is a possible outcome of being a Christian in certain places or times, should you change who you are in that situation?
- When you are confirmed at Redeemer you make some big promises like this one: “I intend to continue steadfast in this confession and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it.” This is a big promise! Why would we ask you to promise something like that?
- If Christians from Bible times and MANY other times throughout history were willing to die for their faith, how does that encourage us today?

FINISH IN PRAYER:

Partner Prayer! Pair up oldest to youngest as much as possible and ask each other in the partner group how you can pray for each other, then do that!

Draw a picture of someone doing a hard thing.
Say why it is hard.

BIBLICAL EQUIPPING

- Memorize this verse, **“Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you.”**
- 1 Corinthians 15:58a
- Share with someone at this study how you can be bold and not afraid to share Jesus with someone.
- How can you encourage someone who can be bolder in sharing God’s Word with others?