



# LIFEGROUPS STUDY GUIDE

*"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42*

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**KEY PASSAGE(S):**

Matthew 28

Luke 8:40-56

Luke 7:11-15

John 11:20-26

Mack made the point that for a Christian, the most important day of the year isn't Christmas, it's Easter, the day Jesus rose from the dead. Not only is that the most significant day in all of human history, it should be the most important even in our lives.

Read Matthew 28:1-10

**Q: Why do you think the angel and Jesus told them not to be afraid?**

With that in mind, Mack asked a very important, but often neglected question: What difference does it make? What did it really accomplish? To answer that, we have to look at the 3 other resurrections from the Gospels.

**1. Don't Be Afraid**

Read Luke 8:40-56

**Q: If you were in Jairus' shoes and Jesus told you not to be afraid (because you heard your daughter was dead) would you have been able to be courageous?**

Read 1 Corinthians 15:54 together. Death is no longer it, death has been swallowed up in victory! Death doesn't need to be feared because Jesus overcame death.

**2. Don't Cry**

Read Luke 7:11-15

**Q: What can we learn from the compassion that Jesus showed the widow of Nain? Does his response seem very compassionate: "Don't Cry."**

This same command is echoed outside the Garden Tomb in John 20:11-13. Tears are natural when someone dies, but how is the hope we have as believers different when someone passes away?

### **3. Believe**

John 11:20-26

Martha believed in the afterlife, but Lazarus rising from the dead was a different story altogether. Jesus told her that He is the life, and that she should believe in Him.

#### **So, what does it mean to believe in Jesus?**

Belief is a lifestyle. It means we agree with Jesus that no one is good, except God (Luke 18:19) because we've all sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23)

That belief leads to everlasting life (John 11:25-26).

**So what difference does the resurrection make? It makes a difference from here into eternity, if you act on it!**