

## COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

Easter 2025 - "The Resurrected King"

Monday, Apr. 21 - Sunday, Apr. 27 (Week 12)

*In Pastor Mike's sermon, he delves into the profound question of where true peace originates, highlighting its connection to the physically resurrected body of Jesus. He emphasizes that peace is intricately tied to Jesus' resurrection, which exemplifies not just a return from death but a transformative breakthrough into a new existence, signifying hope for all believers. Using the metaphor of Gandalf's return in "The Lord of the Rings," Pastor Mike illustrates how Jesus' new body, though similar to our own, possesses unique attributes that reveal the nature of the new creation to come. This renewed existence promises a world without pain or suffering, emphasizing that believers will also be granted resurrection bodies to experience a life filled with joy beyond imagination. Additionally, Pastor Mike discusses the significance of Jesus' wounds, which remain in His resurrected body. These scars act as eternal reminders of His sacrifice and the peace He secured for humanity by bridging the gap caused by sin. He challenges listeners to confront the concept of pride, which often hinders authentic acceptance of Jesus as Lord and Savior. Ultimately, he calls for a personal response from listeners, suggesting that true peace is not found in following a path or a set of rules but rather in receiving Jesus Himself. Through faith and a willingness to surrender to Him, individuals can obtain that lasting peace which transcends earthly struggles. Pastor Mike encourages anyone who has yet to accept Jesus to do so immediately, emphasizing that now is the time for reconciliation and peace with God.*

### 1. Understanding Peace:

- What does the sermon suggest is the source of true peace? How does this differ from other sources of peace the world offers?
- Reflect on a time when you sought peace from worldly sources. How did that compare to the peace you find in Jesus?

### 2. Overcoming Pride:

- The sermon discusses pride as a barrier to receiving Jesus. Can you identify areas in your life where pride might be hindering your relationship with God?
- What practical steps can you take to humble yourself and allow Jesus to be Lord over every area of your life?

### 3. The New Creation:

- How does the promise of a new creation and a new body impact your view of eternity and your current life?
- In what ways can you live with an eternal perspective, focusing on the future hope of the new creation?

### 4. Personal Reflection:

- Reflect on the statement, "Make Him your Lord and your God." What does this mean to you personally, and how does it challenge you?
- Share one area of your life where you feel called to surrender more fully to Jesus as Lord. What steps will you take to do this?



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