

# PEOPLE OF THE EMPTY TOMB

APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

Life

Think about a season where your responsibilities or purpose in life changed (job, family, faith, etc.). What felt hardest about adjusting to that new reality?

Have you ever felt tension between who you used to be and who you know you're becoming? What did that feel like?

Theology

**Read 2 Corinthians 5:14–15 and Galatians 2:20.**

- What similarities or differences do you notice between these two pieces of Paul's letters?
- Paul says Christ's love *compels* (controls/holds together) us. How is being driven by Christ's love different from being driven by guilt, obligation, or fear?

**Read 2 Corinthians 5:16–17 and Romans 6:4.**

- What does it mean that you are already *a new creation*?

The sermon emphasized: "*Resurrection doesn't always remove the struggle, but it always changes who you are within it.*"

- Do you find this to be true in your own life?
- How can this theological reflection be an encouragement to someone who is struggling with something?

**Read 1 Samuel 16:7 and 2 Corinthians 5:16.**

- What might it look like to stop viewing yourself and others from a "worldly point of view"?

In Practice

Every Christian will face the hard question:

***How can we receive reconciliation from God but withhold it from others?***

- Where do you feel that tension in your own life right now?
- Where might God be inviting you to participate in His work of reconciliation?

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

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IF WE ARE GOING TO BE PEOPLE OF THE EMPTY TOMB, WE HAVE TO GO BEYOND WHAT WE'VE LEFT \_\_\_\_\_ AND LIVE INTO WHOM WE HAVE NOW \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Corinthians 5:11-21 in three movements:

- \_\_\_\_\_ (v.11-v.15)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (v.16-v.17)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (v.18-v.21)

## Our Motive:

- *"It is Christ's love that \_\_\_\_\_ us." (V. 14)*
- If your sins have been nailed to the cross, then you should expect \_\_\_\_\_.

## Our Identity:

- Resurrection doesn't always \_\_\_\_\_ us from the struggle, but it always \_\_\_\_\_ who you are within it.
- Who am I \_\_\_\_\_ that I have given my life to following Jesus?

## Our Purpose:

- Following Jesus is not just about what you are saved \_\_\_\_\_, but what you are saved \_\_\_\_\_.
- Reconciliation is the restoration of relationship made possible because something has been \_\_\_\_\_.

Christ takes what is \_\_\_\_\_ and gives you what is \_\_\_\_\_.

- If you are reconciled to God then reconciliation becomes \_\_\_\_\_.

# ONE THING:

Our motive is held together in \_\_\_\_\_.

Our identity is rooted in \_\_\_\_\_.

Our purpose is to live out \_\_\_\_\_.