

SERMON NOTES

The Resurrected Life

John 11:23-26 | 17 April 2022 | Rev Dr Aaron Tay

Reflection Questions

1. John 10:10 (NRSV) *“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have **life**, and have it **abundantly**.”*
 - a. What do you think the average person in Singapore would define as an abundant life?
 - b. What is abundant life to you?
 - c. What does the thief (the devil or the world) steal, kill and destroy? Think of concrete things which have been stolen, killed and destroyed by the thief.
 - d. What do you think the abundant life promised by Jesus looks like?

2. In the Easter sermon, Pastor Aaron preached about four occasions where people might be challenged to consider bigger questions about life (*What is the point of life? What is our purpose? What is the significance of our life? Have I made a difference? Have I told my parents, my spouse and children often enough that I love them? What does Death mean? What is the reason for pain and suffering? Is there anything beyond this life?*):

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- When we had a near-death experience
- When something tragic happen to us or someone close to us
- When we are in a rut of life
- When we are in a transition point of life

Have you had any of the above experiences? Did it lead you to ask one or more of the bigger issues of life? If so, would you be able to share with your group about what you have perceived on your own, or learnt/received from God?

3. John 10:28 *“I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.”*

You want to share with someone you love about eternal life.

- a. How would you explain what is eternal life (according to God’s Word)?
- b. Before hearing today’s sermon, how would you persuade your listener to want this gift of eternal life?
- c. What did Pastor Aaron say in his sermon, would be the best way to persuade your listener to desire the gift of eternal life?

4. Ephesians 1:19-20 *“and what is the immeasurable greatness of **His power for us who believe**, according to the working of His great power. God put this power to work in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ...”* (see also Philippians 3:10)

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Philip Yancey wrote, *“There are 3 kinds of Christians that outsiders to the faith still respect: pilgrims, activists and artists. The uncommitted will listen to them far sooner than to an evangelist or apologist.”*

Pilgrim: shows a counter-cultural way of life – overcoming pain, sin, fear, hate, temptations, loneliness, anger, showing a better way of love, faith and hope through the resurrection power of Christ.

Activist: fights against injustice or what is evil and sinful, and for what is godly, good and just. Expressing faith through deeds.

Artist: Speaks most authentically to the human condition, through creativity and forms that many are open to – video, song, music, poem, art, story, dance, etc.

With reference to the three areas, what kind of Christian are you / what kind of Christian can you be?

How have/might you experience the resurrection power of God in your everyday life?

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