



## STUDY GUIDE – January 10, 2021

**Message Series:** Reconstruct  
**Message Title:** Resurrection  
**Teaching Pastor:** Brian Hughes

### Warm-up/Icebreaker:

Like a Houdini escape act, name a time you narrowly escaped a crazy situation.

### Pray:

Dear Lord, thank you for the opportunity to draw close to you. Clear our minds so that we may focus on You more fully. Where we are broken please bring healing. We know that Your joy is our strength, no matter the circumstances. You are good, all the time, and we choose to praise You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### Get Started:

"For your faith to be unwavering, your belief has to be unwavering. Not just your belief in Jesus as a man or Jesus as a moral teacher or Jesus as a great leader or Jesus as a good example. But Jesus as alive. Resurrected. You must settle this fact." -Pastor Brian Hughes

### Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-21.

- What is the reason you must settle the resurrection as fact? What is the alternative?

### Watch and Discuss Video (15 min.):

Pastor Brian addressed the idea of being open or closed to influence on some biblical teachings as it relates to settling our faith on these matters.

- What are some "open" faith-related topics for you (briefly name a few)?

### Read John 11:25-26, 1 Peter 1:3, Philippians 3:10-14, and Acts 4:33.

- Have you settled your view of the resurrection? When did your resolve occur?
- Which verse impacts you the most?

### Reflect and Commit:

"If you were to put the resurrection on trial, the truth of it would be affirmed. But, no one can make you believe. You have to decide. At some point, you have come or are now coming face-to-face with this claim, and you'll either accept it as truth or reject it as myth. But this is really important: belief in the resurrection is not a statement, it is a holistic life pivot. Why would it affect everything? Because if you believe in the resurrection of Jesus, then you're going to buy into everything else He did and said. If you believe in the resurrection, there is no decision that can be left out of it in your life." -Pastor Brian Hughes

**Read Matthew 16:13-19.**

- Has the truth and promise found in the resurrection of Jesus changed how you live your life? Does your life fully reflect who you say that Jesus is?
- Take 2 minutes to silently ponder if there is any area of your life that needs to be submitted on a deeper level to God to live out the above.

**Pray:**

Dear Lord, help us stand firm in the truth that our faith is grounded in the reliability of the resurrection. Make it the reference point from which we see everything else, etched into our hearts. Empower us to make every decision from this foundation, so that our lives reflect who You are to the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.