



Pastor PJ Berner • March 31, 2024

EASTER

AT COMPASS BIBLE CHURCH

Romans 6:5 | Dying to Live

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Discussion Questions

Community Groups meet throughout the week and play a crucial role in our response to the preaching of the word. These groups gather to discuss the following questions as we seek to apply the sermon in community with one another. Please visit compassntx.org to join a small group near you.

1. Read **Colossians 2:13-14**. Why couldn't the Father simply have forgiven our sins without the death of Jesus? Read **2 Corinthians 5:21**. How would you explain to someone unfamiliar with Christianity, what took place on the cross in order that our sins might be forgiven?

2. Read **Hebrews 12:2**, **John 10:18**, and **1 John 3:16**. Some have popularized the notion that the cross was a form of divine child abuse. According to these three passages and your understanding of the Trinitarian relationship between the Father and the Son, what is wrong with this argument? How do these texts increase your love for Jesus? Spend some time in prayer telling him.

3. Read **Romans 1:1-4** specifically keying in on verse 4 and **Acts 2:24**. Why was it necessary that Jesus should be sinless if he was to die in our place? How does the resurrection prove his sinlessness?

4. Consider this quote PPJ referenced in the sermon from Scholar John P. Meier: "It's inherently impossible for historians working with empirical evidence within the confines of their discipline ever to make a positive judgment: 'God has directly acted here to accomplish something beyond all human power.'" When you consider passages like **1 Corinthians 1:18-25** and **2 Corinthians 4:2-6**, is there any truth to this statement? Why or why not?

5. Read **Romans 6:10-14**. How should our future resurrection, guaranteed by Christ's resurrection, impact our present lives?