

# MIRACLES

## Part 4: The Miracle of Heaven

### Big Idea

This weekend, we celebrated Easter and the miracle of Jesus' resurrection. But we learned that we can do more than just celebrate the resurrection; we can experience it ourselves! God wants to resurrect any areas of our lives that are dead or dying, whether it be our finances, our relationships, or our health. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is in us, and God can miraculously resurrect all areas of our lives. But there is an even greater miracle than any resurrection we could experience on earth, and that is the miracle of heaven. We all feel the sting of earth - brokenness, heartache, loss - and without the hope of heaven, these hurts are absolutely devastating. The good news is that because heaven is real, and we can choose to believe on Jesus and go there one day, earth is the closest to hell that we will ever get. It's only going to get better.

*“...I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die...(John 11:25-26 NLT)*

### Discussion Questions

- Jesus gives us the hope of heaven. Talk about a time when you or someone you know experienced a loss without the hope of Jesus? What was this experience like?
- Pastor Chris talked about the daily reminder he has for himself to avoid selfish thoughts and to remember that people need hope. Talk about a time when you stepped out of your comfort zone to provide hope for someone.
- Believing IN Jesus means you believe He exists while believing ON Jesus means you are willing to give Him control of your life. Discuss one area of your life that you have a hard time surrendering? Share one practical thing you can do to help you believe ON Jesus in this area?

### Prayer Focus

Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal any areas of your life that you still have not surrendered to Him. Ask God to help you face the stings of earth with unwavering hope and continue to trust Him as you go through this life.

### Next Steps

Trust God to resurrect those areas in your life that you believe to be dead or dying. Understand He is greater than anything you are facing and He forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases!

### Leader Tip

Encourage group members who have not been baptized to take that step after one of our services this Sunday. Think about the progress all members have made since your group began, determine what will be needed to help them move one step and help them remove any barriers.