



Beauty from the Mess



BIG IDEA

Because of the resurrection, God is working in the middle of your mess, even when you can't see it, and everything changes when your story connects to His.



ICE BREAKER

Have you ever had a moment where something didn't make sense at the time, but later you realized it was part of something bigger?



MAIN POINTS

- The resurrection changes everything, hope is real, death doesn't win, and your story matters
- It's possible to be close to Jesus and still miss Him in your everyday life
- Many of us carry a quiet "we had hoped..." where life didn't turn out how we expected
- Disappointment often comes from seeing life only from a **horizontal perspective** (what we can see and understand)
- Jesus invites us into a **vertical perspective**—seeing God's bigger story and purpose
- The cross wasn't a mess, it was the plan
- God does His best work in the middle of the mess
- You will never fully see your life until you truly see Jesus for who He is



DISCUSS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. Have you experienced a "we had hoped..." moment? What did that look like for you?
3. Where in your life are you tempted to only see things from a horizontal perspective?
4. How might God be working in a situation that currently feels like a mess?
5. Why do you think it's easy to miss Jesus in our everyday lives?
6. What does it look like for your story to connect with Jesus' story?



NEXT STEP

This week, take one intentional step:

- Ask: "Jesus, where am I only seeing part of the story?"
- Identify one area of disappointment or mess in your life
- Invite Jesus into that space and ask Him to give you a new perspective
- If you said "yes" to Jesus, take your next step—tell someone, get baptized, and stay connected



SCRIPTURE

- Luke 24:13–32
- 1 Corinthians 15:14
- Romans 10:9–10



"What's the Deal With?" We're going to shift from the heart to the head. If Jesus brings hope...If the resurrection really happened...Then the natural next question is: How do we know it's true?

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