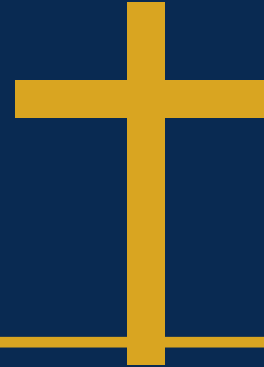


DAY 6



THE CROSS IS NOT THE END

Day 6 Life Group Materials

1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4 | 1 PETER 1:3

ENGLISH EDITION

Alicia Alliance Church - CAMACOP Inc.

From the Cross to the Commission

LEADER'S GUIDE

THE CROSS IS NOT THE END

SCRIPTURES: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 1 Peter 1:3

GROUP OBJECTIVE

Help members understand that the gospel does not end at Jesus' death. His burial confirms His real death, His resurrection declares His victory, and His living presence gives believers new birth and living hope.

KEY TRUTH

Because Jesus died for our sins and rose again, everyone who trusts Him can live with forgiveness, courage, purpose, and an unshakable hope.

LEADER PREPARATION

- Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 and 1 Peter 1:3-9 before the meeting.
- Prepare a Bible for every participant or invite members to use a Bible app.
- Pray for people who are grieving, discouraged, afraid, or uncertain about salvation.
- Plan for 45-60 minutes. Keep the discussion Christ-centered and allow honest questions.

SUGGESTED FLOW (45-60 MINUTES)

Welcome & Prayer	5 min
Opening Question	8 min
Scripture & Teaching	15 min
Discussion	20 min
Application & Prayer	10 min

1. WELCOME AND OPENING

Welcome everyone warmly. Explain that today's meeting moves from the cross to the empty tomb. The resurrection is not an optional detail; it is central to the gospel and the source of Christian hope.

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, open our minds to understand Your Word. Help us see the power of Your death and resurrection. Replace our fear and discouragement with living hope, and lead us to respond with faith and obedience. Amen.

Opening Question

Share about a time when something that looked like an ending became the beginning of something new.

2. READ THE WORD

Ask two volunteers to read 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 and 1 Peter 1:3 aloud from the group's preferred Bible translation.

Leader Note

Let the Bible speak first. Ask the group to listen for what happened, why it happened, and what hope it produces.

3. BIBLICAL CONTEXT

Paul summarizes the gospel he received and passed on: Christ died for our sins, was buried, and was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. Peter explains what the resurrection accomplishes in believers: through God's mercy, we receive new birth into a living hope. The empty tomb confirms that Jesus is victorious and that His promises are trustworthy.

4. THREE BIBLICAL TRUTHS

1. The Cross Paid for Our Sins

Jesus' death was not an accident or merely an example of courage. He gave Himself for our sins. At the cross, God's holiness and love meet: sin is judged, and mercy is offered. Forgiveness is received through repentance and faith, not earned by religious effort.

2. The Empty Tomb Declares Victory

Jesus truly died and was buried, but death did not hold Him. His bodily resurrection confirms His identity and the sufficiency of His saving work. Sin, death, and despair do not have the final word; the risen Christ does.

3. The Resurrection Gives Living Hope

Christian hope is not wishful thinking. It is anchored in the living Jesus. Because He lives, believers receive new life now and the promise of resurrection life to come. This hope strengthens us in grief, failure, suffering, and uncertainty.

GOSPEL CONNECTION

Because Jesus died for our sins and rose again, everyone who trusts Him can live with forgiveness, courage, purpose, and an unshakable hope.

Facilitation Tips

- Invite participation without pressuring anyone to disclose painful details.
- Do not rush to give easy answers to grief. Point gently to the presence and promises of the risen Christ.
- If someone desires to trust Jesus, speak with them personally after the meeting and guide them in repentance and faith.

5. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Which detail in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 is most meaningful to you, and why?
2. Why are both the cross and the resurrection essential to the gospel?
3. What is the difference between ordinary optimism and the 'living hope' described in 1 Peter 1:3?
4. What situation in your life currently feels like an ending? How does Christ's resurrection speak to it?
5. How should the truth that Jesus is alive change our choices, relationships, and witness this week?

6. PERSONAL AND GROUP APPLICATION

- Believe: Receive or reaffirm the gospel - Christ died for your sins and rose again.
- Release: Name one fear, failure, or grief you need to surrender to the risen Lord.
- Live: Choose one visible act of resurrection hope this week.
- Share: Tell one person why the resurrection of Jesus gives you hope.

7. PRAYER RESPONSE

- Thank Jesus for His sacrifice and victory.
- Pray for assurance of salvation and renewed faith.
- Pray for members facing grief, illness, disappointment, or fear.
- Pray for courage to share the hope of the risen Christ.

Closing Prayer

Risen Lord Jesus, thank You that the cross was not the end. You died for our sins, You were buried, and You rose again. Fill us with living hope. Help us face every trial with faith and make Your victory visible through our lives. Amen.

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

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1 Corinthians 15:3-4 | 1 Peter 1:3

The gospel announces a completed saving work and a living Savior. Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and rose again. Because He lives, we can be forgiven, made new, and filled with living hope.

READ AND OBSERVE

Read both passages. Circle or underline the words that describe what Jesus did and what God gives to believers.

What do these passages teach me about Jesus?

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MY RESPONSE

My main learning today:

My response to the risen Jesus:

One hope-filled action I will take this week:

One person with whom I will share this hope:

PRAYER REQUESTS

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