



Things to Talk About and Reflect Upon

“Promises Made...”

Points from Sunday’s Message

1. The resurrection makes the eternal Joy of Advent available and accessible.
2. The resurrection secures for us a steadfast and living hope that does not disappoint.
3. The resurrection confirms that the peace promised at Advent has been secured through the cross.
4. The resurrection reveals the glorious victory of God’s love over sin and death.

Key Verse:

“He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee”

— Luke 24:6

Discussion Questions:

1. Remembering the Promise

Questions: In Luke 24:6, the angel says, “He is not here, but is risen. Remember how He spoke to you...” Why do you think the angel emphasizes *remembering* what Jesus had already said? What are some promises of God that are easy for you to forget in difficult seasons?

Further Reading: Luke 9:22, John 2:19–22

2. From Promise to Reality

Questions: Pastor Miles described Advent as a *promise* and the resurrection as its *fulfillment*—like a promissory note finally paid. How does seeing Christianity as “promise fulfilled” strengthen your faith? What difference does it make that our faith is rooted in a *historical event* (the resurrection), not just ideas?

3. Joy That Becomes Real

Questions: The message highlights that Jesus' birth announced joy, but the resurrection makes it real. Where in your life do you struggle to experience that "real" joy right now? What would it look like this week to intentionally live in resurrection joy?

Further Reading: John 16:22, 1 Peter 1:8

4. A Hope That Doesn't Disappoint

Questions: Pastor Miles contrasts *wishful thinking hope* with the *living hope* anchored in the resurrection. What are some "false hopes" people tend to rely on today? How can you actively anchor your hope in Christ instead of circumstances this week?

Further Reading: 1 Peter 1:3–5, Hebrews 6:19

5. Peace Through the Empty Tomb

Questions: The message explains: "From the cross: paid in full. From the empty tomb: payment accepted." How does the resurrection give you peace with God personally? What anxieties or fears in your life need to be surrendered in light of that peace?

Further Reading: John 14:27, Ephesians 2:13–17

6. Sharing the Fulfilled Promise

Question: Pastor Miles emphasizes that this good news isn't just for us—it's meant to be shared. Who in your life needs to hear the hope, joy, peace, and love of the gospel? What is one practical step you can take this week to share your faith with them?

Further Reading: Matthew 28:18–20, Romans 10:13–15

Use these blended questions for deeper personal reflection, prayer, or small group discussion.