

# Power to Give Life

## SERMON NOTES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### I. Introduction: Understanding the Event

- a. John 20:1-10
- b. The Resurrection of Jesus is either the most momentous event in human history, or Easter and Christianity mean nothing.

### II. Understanding the Impact of the Event

- a. Paul needed to Clarify Expectations to Christians in Corinth

Underlying Questions: What is glory and power?

### III. Expectation #1: The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in us and even through us ...

- a. 2 Corinthians 4:7-15
- b. The reliable pattern: God's power + my weakness = God's power for you

### IV. Expectation #2: We are willing to speak boldly about Jesus Christ

- a. 2 Corinthians 3:12
- b. We are no longer under religion; we are under the gospel.

### V. Expectation #3: We are going to shine the light of Christ through love not fear ...

- a. 2 Corinthians 4:1-6
- b. We are in a spiritual battle

### VI. Conclusion

# Discussion Questions

## Sharing Life Together

1. What is one event that has had a seismic impact on your entire life?
2. What is your greatest fear? Why do you think it causes fear?

## Reflecting on the Message Together

1. Why do you think a non-Christian should be concerned to know whether or not the tomb of Jesus was empty on Easter Sunday morning?
2. What are ways your life is shaped by the fact that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in every believer?
3. How does American culture create expectations for Christians that may be really at odds with the power and glory of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
4. In what ways do you find it challenging to be bold in sharing the good news of Jesus with others?
5. Do you think you would be shy in sharing if you discovered the cure to COVID-19? Do you think your response would be different than sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Why or why not?
6. What are the schemes of Satan? How can you see dark spiritual forces at work in the world today? How do we become blind to the way of Jesus?
7. How did God speak to you through the message?
8. How can we pray for one another?