#### Easter - 2025

What are you anchored to?

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#### Message Summary •••

Everyone has a plan 'till they get punched in the mouth.

-Mike Tyson

Life's plans often falter in the face of unexpected challenges, and relying on personal righteousness or a list of rules for salvation is futile. True peace and stability come from anchoring to Jesus, the only one who conquered sin and death, offering forgiveness and eternal life.

# Key Scriptures •••

15 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. <sup>2</sup> By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

1 Corinthians 15:14-17 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> As it is written:

"There is no one righteous, not even one; Romans 3:10 (NIV)

## Start Talking •••

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- If you could choose any famous person (besides Jesus), past or present, to be your 'life coach' during a stormy season, who would it be and why?
- Watch this week's Sermon Refresh: Here (Available Mondays)

### Start Thinking •••

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Please read the Key Scriptures on the left.
- According to 1 Corinthians 15, what is the most important thing we should anchor our lives to during difficult times?

#### Start Sharing •••

Choose a question(s) to create openness.

- Can you share a time when you faced a tough situation and what you relied on to get through it?
- How can we help each other focus on Jesus as our anchor when life gets stormy?
- What is one area of your life you feel hesitant to release to Jesus, and how can you take a step towards going all in with Him this week?

### Start Praying •••

Guide the group in forming a prayer circle. Each person will take turns sharing an area of their life they need to release to go all-in with Jesus. After someone shares, the person to their right will pray for them, asking God to help them let go and trust Him. Continue this process until everyone has shared and been prayed for.

## Start Doing •••

Begin each day with a prayer, asking for God's guidance to help you release anything holding you back from going all-in for Jesus.