

Easter at Sun Valley | Week 8

Introduction

Jesus isn't just a historical figure or moral teacher - He's the most transformative person who ever lived. His influence has sparked movements of compassion, justice, and radical change throughout history. But Jesus doesn't just change institutions or societies; He transforms individual lives from the inside out. Through His resurrection, Jesus demonstrates His authority over all things and offers each of us a new way of living - one marked by forgiveness for our past mistakes, power for our present challenges, and hope for our future. This transformation is both personal and far-reaching, changing us and then flowing through us to impact others.

Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- Share about a time when someone's influence completely changed your perspective or way of doing something. What made their impact so significant?
- Where have you noticed Jesus's transforming work in your life recently? How has this affected your daily walk with Him?

Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What caught your attention, stood out to you, or challenged you from this weekend's teaching?

[Watch the Video](#) (5 minutes)

Group Discussion (45 minutes)

1. What is one thing that has changed in your life because of your faith in Jesus?
2. When you look at the world-changing impact of Jesus throughout history, what aspects of His influence surprise you the most?
3. Read [2 Corinthians 5:17-19](#).
 - "What does it mean to be a 'new creation'? How does this transformation affect our relationship with both God and others?
4. Read [Acts 9:1-19](#), which describes the conversion of Saul, a persecutor of Christians, to Paul, who became the author of much of the New Testament (including the letter to the Corinthians we just read from in Question #3!)
 - What elements of transformation do you see in Saul's story?
 - How did his personal change impact others?
5. How could your transformation story inspire or impact others in your sphere of influence?
 - Who do you sense God prompting you to share your story with?

Prayer (5 minutes)

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your power to change lives. We acknowledge that true transformation comes from You alone. We bring before You our past, asking for Your forgiveness; our present, seeking Your power; and our future, trusting in Your hope.

Help us to be open to Your transforming work in our lives. Use us to bring Your change to others. Give us courage to share our stories and vision to see where You're already at work.

Make us agents of Your transformation in our families, workplaces, and communities. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Announcements (5 minutes)

- Invite a friend to join you for our upcoming series: A Change of Heart!
- The *Change of Heart* series will be our last with group notes for the semester. Group notes will end the week of June 1 and will resume the week of August 11.