



THE CHURCH OF THE
RESURRECTION

REZGROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS WEEK OF June 19, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Because of three weddings happening in our congregation, there will be no evening service July 3rd.
2. Please register on the Church Center app or our website for the Parish Retreat, Labor Day weekend Friday, September 2 to Sunday, September 4 at Caboose Farm in Sabillasville, MD. If you would like to volunteer to help out, please contact Tinbit at talemayehu@rezchurch.org
3. Newcomers' Tea & Tour, Sunday, June 26 at Rez after the morning service.
4. Applications open for Artist in Residence Program.

SCRIPTURE – Ephesians 4

Discussion Questions

1. **Paul makes a big distinction between the “old life” of the unbeliever and the “new life” of the believer in this chapter. What are the traits that characterize this “new life”? Why are these traits uniquely Christian?**
2. **When Paul writes about Christian unity, what does he envision will unite Christians?**
3. **In verse 15, how does Christian unity help us grow in holiness and become more righteous as believers?**
4. **One of the reasons we need the Church is because we need spiritually mature teachers. What does it mean to “speak the truth in love” (v 15), and why is maturity essential to that task?**
5. **In verses 17-19, Paul articulates four main aspects of unbelieving lifestyles that Christians should reject. What are they?**
6. **In verses 20 through 23, Paul outlines a process by which Christ heals those four things and restores us to righteousness. What does this process look like?**
7. **Paul instructs believers to “put away falsehood” (v 25) Why is it so important for Paul that Christians abandon deceit?**

PRAYER

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Officiant and People together, all kneeling

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Officiant says

May Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray

Officiant and People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,**

**thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Intercessions and thanksgivings follow. Please include the following in your prayer:

Missionary: Matthew and Annie Wilcoxon serving in Australia

- *Pray for wisdom as Matt leads both his congregation and an associated nonprofit*

Persecuted Church and her Persecutors: [Turkey](#)

- *Pray for Christians in Turkey as they live, work and worship in a place that doesn't seem to want them. Pray for deliverance from discrimination and an increasing awareness of God's love and grace. Ask God to protect converts from Islam and to bring them to a place where can worship Him freely.*
- *Pray for the leadership of Turkey, that it would realize Turkish Christians are part of the fabric of their country. Pray believers would be able to work without discrimination.*

Global Concern: Leaders of Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Myanmar and other conflict areas.

Church Ministry: Missions Team, CCJM, Rez Arts Council

A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

Officiant

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Officiant may then concludes

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** Romans 15:13