**Growth Group Preparation Questions**

**For the week of: October 19, 2025**

**Sermon Title: Jesus, the Wise #2: The Truth About Eternity**

**Big Idea: The resurrection is real and has implications for everyone.**

**Prepare:** Listen to the sermon (if you haven’t already), read Exodus 3:1-6 and Matthew 22:23-33, and spend a few minutes praying for your group.

**Connect:**

When is a time you tried to sound smart or clever and it totally backfired?

**Discuss:**

**HEAD: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?**

1. What stood out to you about this week’s sermon?

1. Read Exodus 3:6, Hebrews 11:13-16, and John 11:25-26 aloud as a group. How does the resurrection prove that God keeps His promises?
   1. What hope can that give you for today?

1. Read Romans 8:22-23 aloud as a group. How do you see a longing for eternity expressed in the lives of the people around you and in our world today?

**HEART: HOW DOES THIS CHANGE MY ATTITUDES AND AFFECTIONS?**

1. How has knowing that "God is the God of the living" helped sustain you through a loss or hardship?
   1. In what ways can your experience be a help to someone in your life right now?

1. How does belief in the resurrection free us from living for temporary comfort, control, power, and approval?

**HANDS: WHAT IS THIS PASSAGE ASKING US TO DO?**

1. The resurrection gives purpose to all of life. How might your daily life, job, parenting, neighboring, etc. look different if you saw it as part of God's story?

1. Who in your life is Jesus calling you to engage with clarity and kindness about the truth of eternity?
   1. What one practical step can you take towards that call this week?

**Serve and Share (S2) Reflection and Action**

Jesus promised His disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. When the Spirit came, everyone knew what to do and how to do it when before they had been confused or halfhearted. The Spirit is key to sustained power and impact. He helps us, affirms our identity, teaches us, prays for us, leads, and equips. Read John 14:26 & Luke 12:12. As you act on your call, walk in the Spirit.