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► PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I do not know or understand a fraction of the cost, for the eternal Son of God to come in the likeness of sinful flesh and willingly sacrifice His life for me as the suffering Son of Man. But I praise and thank you that by His sacrificial death and glorious resurrection, many who were dead in sin have heard His voice and have been given a new life in Christ for the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting. Praise His holy name, Amen.

- Knowing Jesus

WARM UP

(OPTIONAL

Who has been a person that you find to be life-giving? What is it that they do or say that gives life to you?





¹⁹ So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. ²¹ For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. ²² For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

²⁵ "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸ Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

JOHN 5:19-29

Jesus has life in himself, and everyone who hears his word and believes the Father receives eternal life. They have passed from death to life and will not face damnation. Though they may die, they will again hear his voice and be raised from the dead to everlasting life.

-Przemek Sielatycki
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■ GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

- 1. What does "life" mean to you?
- 2. On a scale from 1-10, (1 = not important; 10 = extremely valuable), how much do you value life? Why do you rate yourself this way?
- 3. Would you consider your life one worth imitating as an example to those who look up to you? Why or why not?
- 4. On a scale from 1-10 (1 = not at all; 10 = extremely), how would you rate how sure you are that you have received eternal life in Jesus? Why do you rate yourself this way?
- 5. In verses 19-20, we see that Jesus only does what the Father wants him to. Why do you think this is? How does this impact you in the way you follow him or don't follow him?
- 6. Have you put your trust in God with your life and relationships? Would you like to receive the gift of life, found in forever walking with God? Would you like to enter into a saving relationship with God through Jesus? Ask your Life Group leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite you to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Saviour. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYER		