

**SMALL GROUP GUIDE (BASED ON EASTER SUNDAY)  
DONE, WEEK 3: UNION WITH CHRIST**

*Tips: Keep this conversation flowing and tight. Maximize participation. Be sensitive to any not-yet-Christians.*

**Optional opening question**

- Complete the following: 'I feel most alive when...' (PS: no pressure to give 'spiritual' answers here.)

**Quick Bible study on union with Christ.**

- Read Ephesians 2:1-10 to start. Then read it again, piece by piece as follows...
- Read Ephesians 2:1-3. What do you learn from these verses about what it means to be spiritually dead? Can you resonate with this in your experience?
- Read Ephesians 2:5-6. What three things has God done for us?
- Read Ephesians 2:3-4. What motivated God to do this for us?
- Read Ephesians 2:8-9. How did God do this for us?

**Applying 'union with Christ' to our lives.**

- The doctrine of union with Christ is this: 'When we trust in Christ, God fuses us into Christ. His death becomes our death. What this means is that the part of us that was once dead to God and dead to sin dies. More than that, his resurrection becomes our resurrection. And even more than that, he is on the throne and there we are with him. The main idea is that we are made alive: alive to God, alive to righteousness, and alive forever. And this as a sheer act of grace by God.'
- As a group, discuss how this doctrine – if we really 'get' it – will this impact our lives, our way of relating to God, our priorities and our ministries?
- In what ways, if any, have you experienced God making you alive?

**Reflection question**

- Any one thing you want to remember in light of this conversation?
- Any one thing you want to change in your life or relationship with God in light of this conversation?

**Prayer**

- Respond in prayer to the insights gleaned in this conversation. Also, thank God for all the people who's lives were impacted by Good Friday and/or Easter Sunday.

