

The Seven-Mile Miracle Leader Guide

Session 6: Triumph

Mile 6- The Empty Tomb

“Open our eyes to the victory of surrender.”

The sixth mile of our journey places us in front of the empty tomb following Jesus’ resurrection. When Jesus said, “It is finished,” He gave us access to the eternal victory He had accomplished over Satan.

During this video session, Pastor Furtick stands in front of the tomb believed to be where Jesus was laid. He challenges us not to mourn over the loss of Jesus’ life, but to find the power in His triumph over death.

“The greatest sabotage in the history of mankind.”

“It is finished” shows the brilliance of God. The great story of Creation, the Fall of man, and the Redemption of mankind culminates in those three words. Despite all the efforts of evil, the frailty of men and women, and the despair of life, God has engineered the most extraordinary triumph of all.

“The salvation of God can only begin when your human striving ends.”

In human terms, triumph is the culmination of our strength and persistence. But on the cross, triumph was achieved in a moment that none of our efforts could ever replicate. When Jesus said, “It is finished,” the devil must have thought that there was nothing else Jesus could do. Instead, Jesus was saying that nothing else need to be done.

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“Christianity is not spelled ‘d-o’ or ‘d-o-n- ‘-t.’ It is spelled ‘d-o-n-e.’”

Our human nature tells us to focus on everything we can or can't do to win the approval of others. But with His dying words, Jesus tells us that work is already finished. God's grace has nothing to do with anything that we have done or could ever do. It has everything to do with what was done for us on the cross.

“Jesus didn't die so that we would pity Him.”

Jesus didn't endure the anguish of the cross for us to pity Him. He didn't want us to weep over the loss of His life. Instead, He wanted us to establish power in our lives through His death. Jesus has done all that He could do for us with His life. And by giving our lives back to Him in response, we find the power and purpose He wishes to freely give to us.

“There is a purpose in your pain.”

Your struggle with sin will not be finished until you see Jesus face to face in Heaven. But Jesus' death stands as an assurance that there will always be a purpose for your pain. God is always working everything in your life for your good. Surrender the pain in your life to His greater purpose, and you will find the victory He has already won for you.

Read Luke 24:1-12. For a deeper study read Matthew 28:1-10.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does it affect you personally and emotionally to see the location where it believed Jesus rose from the grave?

2. At first glance, why might Jesus' statement "It is finished" have been a celebratory verse for the devil?

3. What does Pastor Furtick mean when he speaks of the Resurrection as the "greatest sabotage in history"?

4. Pastor Furtick said, "The salvation of God can only begin where your human striving ends." What does it look like to attempt to earn your salvation? Why is this effort such a common practice?

5. Pastor Furtick also said, "Christianity is not spelled 'd-o' or 'd-o-n-t'. It is spelt 'd-o-n-e.'" what does this mean in your life?

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