

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for January 9, 2022:
The Gospel of Luke: Rebirth



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion
with CGS Community or family

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

1. What are your greatest hopes and fears for 2022?

- **GROW** *in Christ*

*What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? 2 By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? 3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— 7 because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. **Romans 6:1-11***

1. What do you know about Luke's Gospel? How is it different from the other three Gospels?
2. Read Romans 14:8 Does it matter whether we live or die?
3. Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes, *When Christ calls a person, he bids them to come and die.* What does that mean for you in the context of Jesus' call to "take up your cross"?
4. When were you "buried with Christ" (v. 4)?
5. Have you been resurrected? (v.5)? Have you been reborn? (v.11) What's the difference?
6. What freedoms do you enjoy because of your participation in Jesus' resurrection? How do those freedoms give you courage in a time of high anxiety?

- **SERVE** *others*

In his letter, Whether One May Flee From A Deadly Plague, Martin Luther encourages us to be wise about protecting ourselves from pandemic illness, but to prioritize our faith in and witness

to Christ by loving and caring for others. What does that look like for you today?

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short blessing.**