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Today's Scripture Passage: *Luke 20:27-40 page 745*

27 Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. 28 "Teacher," they said, "Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and have children for his brother. 29 Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. 30 The second 31 and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. 32 Finally, the woman died too. 33 Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?" 34 Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. 35 But those who are considered worthy of taking part in that age and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, 36 and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. 37 But in the account of the bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord 'the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' 38 He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive." 39 Some of the teachers of the law responded, "Well said, teacher!" 40 And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

1. Does Jesus' answer mean that our relationships here on earth are not important?
2. If relationships matter, should we sink everything into them?
3. What does living in the light of resurrection mean for the unmarried?
4. What does living in the light of resurrection mean for failed marriages?
5. What does living in the light of resurrection mean for unbelievers?
6. What does living in the light of resurrection mean for those enamored with money and the good things of life?
7. What would it look like for our church to live in the light of resurrection?