



Εἰ οὖν συνηγέρθητε τῷ Χριστῷ,

*Since then you have been raised with Christ,*

τὰ ἄνω ζητεῖτε,

*set your hearts on things above,*

οὗ ὃ Χριστός ἐστιν ἐν δεξιᾷ τοῦ θεοῦ καθήμενος·

*where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.*

τὰ ἄνω φρονεῖτε, μὴ τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς.

*Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.*

# dying and rising with Christ

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# before you begin...

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**Read the introduction** pages at the start of your first study together. That way we will all be on the same page! Then do *the study*. Ensure there is time enough to dig into the *interact* section of the study. If people in your group prepare it will make light work of these parts. Make sure there's still plenty of time to *pray* at the end! Sounds like a lot of work... don't worry—it's a great thing to be spending our time on!

Here are a few tips to help your small group grow together:

**Pray...** prayer is the place to start for our groups and we should do it even when we are not meeting together. We should pray that under God's strength our group would grow in its love for God and each other. Pray for the relationships within the group and the witness of the group to the church family and to those outside the church.

**Participate...** it's so great when people feel comfortable discussing their faith with other believers. Don't feel like you don't know enough to say something, all input is great for group life and the group is a great place to get your questions answered. Likewise, make sure you allow space for other people to participate in the group, especially quieter members! Sometimes silence feels painful and we feel like we need to fill it—but maybe if the more talkative among us wait—somebody might fill that silence for us.

**Prioritize...** did you know it's really important to meet together with other Christians regularly, listening to God's word, praying together and sharing our lives? Not only is it the sort of thing we want to prioritize to ensure we're standing firm in our faith—but turning up each week is a huge encouragement to others too.

**Prepare...** This will make the study a more fruitful experience for everyone. You'll know the questions you need answered and you might be able to share some new insight you've had with the group. It doesn't take long—but it can make a big difference to the life of the group.



