**Life Group Notes Sunday 21 September 2025**

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* How do we understand Paul’s teaching on dying and rising? *(Romans 6 : 4)*

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* How have we discovered / (do we discover) “Jesus is risen”?
* How should the resurrection of Jesus impact…
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**Jesus : His reign** Read 1 Corinthians 15 : 24 – 25

* We live in an imperfect world. “Yet at present we do not see everything subject to His will.” *(Hebrews 2 : 8)* In what areas of life are our greatest challenges in living subject to His will (letting Him reign over us)?
* How do we put the words of Chris Bowater into practice?

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