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In the most recent LBS release, *Resurrection*, author Kristie Berglund focuses on helping groups and individuals uncover the meaning of Christ’s resurrection for our lives today. Meant to be an ideal guide for lent and Easter study, readers will walk through passages in Ezekiel and the New Testament, reflecting on how the resurrection of Jesus changed our world.

“How are we to live in the light of that glorious day? How does Christ’s great victory play out in our everyday lives? As people of the risen Lord, our identity and calling are rooted in the resurrection,” writes Berglund. “We are the people of God’s new creation living in the midst of a world still reeling from the longstanding effects of sin and death. As we receive healing and experience our own transformation in Christ, we show forth his risen life to others. Our renewed lives proclaim his resurrection, and those around us are drawn to the everliving source of that warmth and light.”

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