FRANK +++ TURE August 16+17

General:

- What comes to mind when you hear "Christian apologetics"? Do you think apologetics is more useful for Christians or for skeptics? Have you ever found it helpful in your own faith journey?
- Frank started off by saying: "If the Resurrection didn't happen, everything else is useless." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
- Some people reject Christianity because miracles sound "too unbelievable." How would you respond to someone who says miracles are scientifically impossible?
- Frank claims that if Gen. 1:1 is true ("In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth"), then miracles are logically possible. How does this change or shape your view of miracles?
- Frank also said that if miracles happened all the time, they wouldn't be miracles. Does that idea help or challenge your understanding of how God works in the world?
- Professor Bart Ehrman points out that there are contradictions in the gospel accounts. Do
 these claims challenge your confidence in the Bible? Why or why not?
- Frank stated that "differences are not always contradictory." Can you think of a time
 when two different perspectives both told the truth, even if the details didn't match? How
 does that affect your view of the gospel accounts?

- How do you personally respond when someone brings up seeming contradictions in the Bible? Do you avoid the conversation or feel equipped to engage?
- Frank stated: "Christianity didn't originate with a book, it originated with an event." How does that perspective shape the way you think about the Bible and the resurrection?
- Frank compared life on the Titanic (luxurious and enjoyable but headed toward destruction) to our own lives. How does that analogy speak to our spiritual reality?
- Do you think people in our culture are aware that they're "heading toward something"?
 Why or why not?
- The Bible often describes hell as "outer darkness." What does that image stir in you?
 Does it challenge any of your assumptions about judgment or eternity?
- How do you reconcile the idea of a loving God with the concept of eternal separation from Him?
- Frank explained that Jesus came to take our punishment, offering Himself as a substitute for our sins. How do you personally respond to that truth?
- Re-read 1 Cor. 15:17. What does this verse tell us about the centrality of the resurrection to the Christian faith?
- If you're someone who's still unsure about Jesus, what's the biggest question or barrier that you wrestle with?
- Would you say your faith is more about believing that Jesus rose from the dead—or believing inHim personally? What's the difference?
- How does the resurrection shape your everyday life—not just your eternity?
- Is there any part of today's message that caused you to think differently?
- Pastor Chip often says, "We want to make it difficult for anyone to go to hell in Lakewood Ranch." Who in your life needs to hear the truth of the resurrection? How might God be calling you to be a witness this week?