

EASTER

Easter Sunday

Discussion Guide | April 21, 2019

Selected Scriptures

Questions for Study and Discussion

** Before you begin, please read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 as a group.

1. Begin your time by sharing stories of Easter when you were growing up. How did you celebrate? What memories stand out to you the most?
2. Why does Easter carry such important meaning for followers of Jesus Christ?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8. How do these verses support the importance of Jesus' resurrection, and its historical reliability?
4. Read the following verses and – in your own words – discuss how they reinforce the importance of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. For each passage, make sure you also highlight what this means for us, and the way we live our lives.
 - Romans 6:3-10
 - 1 Corinthians 15:14-17
 - 1 Peter 1:3-4
5. Now read Romans 6:23, then answer the following questions.
 - The concept of “death” in this verse includes words like “brokenness,” “shame and guilt,” and “eternal separation from God.” How does this show the severity of our sin and our need for a Savior?
 - What is the gift that Jesus offers? How would you explain what this means to someone else?
 - Read Ephesians 2:8-9. How do we receive this gift God offers us?
7. Based on what you've read from the verses included here, in your own words share how the resurrection is an invitation to life.
8. If you've responded “yes” to Jesus' invitation to life, briefly share why you made that personal decision. What practical difference has knowing Jesus made in your life?

Challenge: Memorize Romans 6:23

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”