

Life Group Study Guide: Loved what you heard on Sunday?
Want to go deeper? The life group study guide will help you unpack what you heard on Sunday while diving deeper into God's word.

1. *What is one of your favorite Easter memories or traditions?*

2. *Growing up was Easter an important holiday for your family? Is it now?*

3. *What insight, observation, or principle from this weekend's message did you find most helpful, insightful, or troubling? Explain.*

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ sets Christianity apart from every other religion on Earth. The Apostle Paul explains for us just how significant the resurrection of Jesus is to those that place their faith in Jesus Christ.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-49. *What insights, observations, or principles from this text do you find most helpful, insightful, or troubling? Explain.*

- *How would you summarize the core elements of the Gospel as Paul taught it in 1 Corinthians 15:1-11?*

- *According to 1 Cor.15:12-19, why is the resurrection so essential to the Christian faith? What arguments does Paul provide for the validity of the resurrection of Jesus Christ?*

- *How will our existence be different in our resurrected bodies compared to our current bodies (1Cor. 15:35-57; Philippians 3:20-21; and Luke 24:39-43)?*

- *How does Paul depict the culmination of all of human history in this passage? What events will transpire?*

Digging Deeper

- *How does the promise of a physical resurrection give hope to a person who is currently suffering or sick?*

- *How does your knowledge of God's plans for human history change your present priorities in this life?*

- *What exactly will you do differently this week to apply what you learned from this text? How will this text change the way you live? Be specific.*

Easter 2017: “Consider Jesus”

April 16th, 2017

What does it take to be made right with god?

John 14:6(NIV) ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Consider Jesus:

1. CONSIDER THE MINISTRY OF JESUS.

Mark 2:15-17(NIV) ¹⁵ While Jesus was having dinner at Levi’s house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶ When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹⁷ On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

2. CONSIDER THE DEATH & RESURRECTION OF JESUS.

Luke 23:34(NIV) Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

Matthew 27:50-54(NIV) ⁵⁰ And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. ⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split ⁵² and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. ⁵³ They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people. ⁵⁴ When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the Son of God!”

Matthew 17:22-23 (NIV) “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. ²³ They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life.”

Acts 3:15 (NIV) You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.

3. CONSIDER THE ETERNAL MESSAGE OF JESUS

John 3:16-17(NLT) ¹⁶ “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

HOW ARE WE made right with god?

Romans 3:22 (NLT) We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

John 17:3 *And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.*