KEY SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 2:24 He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right.

John 3:16-18

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. 18 There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son.

Romans 3:23

23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Romans 6:23

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Galatians 2:20

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Romans 6

6 We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. 11 So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.12 Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires.

START TALKING

This week's discussion will focus on Good Friday and Easter.

What were your plans for Good Friday and Easter? Is there something special that happened to you that you would like to share?

START DISCUSSING

THE CRUCIFIXION Read John 19

Read 1 Peter 2:24

Discuss Why Jesus was crucified.

Read John 3:16-18

What does the crucifixion reveal about God's love and nature?

Read Romans 3:23 & 6:23

What does the crucifixion reveal about our own sins and the need for redemption?

THE RESURRECTION

Read John 20

Why is the resurrection considered central to the Christian faith?

How does the resurrection impact our understanding of death and the afterlife?

Read the Romans 6:6,11,12

Romans 6 says that in Christ's death and resurrection, we died to the power of sin and now are alive to live a Christlike life.

Verse 6 is the fact of our death to the power of sin.

Verse 11 says that our transformation begins in the mind by considering (accepting as true), the fact that we are dead to sin and alive to God.

Why is it so hard to accept this truth that "we are dead to the power of sin?"

How can we use the fact that we are "alive to Christ" to help us say "no" to sin?

Since this is so foundational to living the Christian life, discuss how to practically live this out.