

EASTER 2023 | ALL FOR LOVE

Date: April 9, 2023

Verses: John 3:16-17; 10:10



SERIES INSIGHT

You're invited to join us for Easter at Grace, as we celebrate the event that changed everything... the resurrection of Jesus Christ! You won't want to miss this great time of celebration which will include inspiring worship and a practical Bible-based message from our Lead Pastor, Des Wadsworth.

ICEBREAKER

- Share one of your favorite memories of Easter!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Review the Message.** Looking back at your notes and upon reflecting on this weekend's message, what was your one takeaway from Sunday?
2. What does the resurrection of Jesus mean to you?
3. At the beginning of his message, Pastor Des stated: *"For many people we have become so familiar with resurrection Sunday that its become a philosophy, a code of ethics, and a moral behavior - it's not actually as powerful anymore in bringing transformation to our lives."* Take a minute to ponder this statement, then discuss your thoughts. Is there some validity here? Do you see this in your own life?
4. If Jesus is alive and is actually who he said he is, then how should this impact how we live?
5. Read the following from John 3:16-17: *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."*

Often, people like to put a period (full stop) after *"gave his one and only Son"*. But this passage doesn't stop there. Why might we tend to put a period where scripture puts a comma? Do we give more value maybe to one part and not the rest? Why or why not?

6. Unlike any other religion or faith practice, Christianity is built on one essential premise: the tomb is empty. Therefore, if the resurrection did not happen, then Christianity is one of the greatest cults historically. How important is this distinction? Should it impact us differently as a result?
7. Read John 10:10. Jesus came to give us life and life to the full. What "tombs" or "dead things" are you living with that are preventing you from experiencing that life of fullness with him?

PRAYER

Allow people to share requests and celebrate any praise reports as well. Consider having someone write down the requests to share with the group. Take time to pray however long your group needs.



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