



MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE

Easter 2024

1. What's your favorite and least favorite Easter candy?
2. For this years Easter message, Joel started out by talking about when our *expectations* didn't match our *reality*. What's a personal example of this for you?
3. In general, when our expectations don't match our reality, we're often disappointed. Sometimes it even makes us lose hope for future expectations. How does the Easter story not match what the disciples expected to happen. How did that lead to hope and not disappointment for them and how can it does the same for us?
4. Read 1 Peter 1:3. Take a few minutes and discuss what you know about the author (Peter) of this verse. Also, take some time to talk about what's packed into this verse.
5. The 1st point in this years Easter message was, *let Easter remind you that you can expect God's mercy*. Why is that connected to Easter and why is 'great mercy', great news?
6. Look closely at 1 Peter 1:3 again. What is the "catch" to receiving "great mercy"?
7. Read 1 Peter 1:4. The 2nd point in this message was, *let Easter remind you that you can expect God's blessing*. What inheritance/blessing can those who are 'born again' expect?
8. Heaven is going to be so great that the Bible doesn't have words to describe it and more often than not, describes it by what *isn't* there (pain, sorrow, etc.). What do you imagine about heaven and do you feel blessed that it's your future home?
9. Read 1 Peter 1:3-6. Peter ends this section by saying, *so be truly glad...there is a wonderful joy ahead*. How does this land with you and tie to the Easter story.
10. What's your 1 takeaway from this message and/or discussion?