



Happily After Easter - So what now?

If you had only one point to share to try to convince someone to follow Jesus, what would it be?

We often think of the initial changes that God brings after the moment of salvation, but how has God changed you lately?

If you can't think of anything, why do you think He hasn't changed anything in you?

Read: 1 John 5:11-13, Ephesians 2:8-9

Why is it important to acknowledge that salvation only comes from the Lord? How could getting that wrong be a detriment to your life?

Imagine someone's deliberate actions took the life of your only child. IS there anything they could do without repentance that would make you OK with them or what they did to take your child's life? This is why works based salvation doesn't work.

Read: Revelation 3:20, Psalm 16:11

Looking back on your own story, how did you hear God knocking on the door of your heart, or leading you down the path of life?

How does God work through us to bring His salvation? How is He working through you?

Is there anyone we can pray for by name so that they might be saved? (Leaders compile a list so we can all pray for them!)

When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, “Repent” (Mt 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.

-Martin Luther

*“Be ashamed when you sin,
don’t be ashamed when you repent –
Sin is the wound, repentance is the medicine.
Sin is followed by shame;
repentance is followed by boldness
Satan has overturned this order
and given boldness to sin and shame to repentance.”
St. John Chrysostom, AD 357-407*

Read: 1 John 1:9, Matthew 11:28-30, Matthew 3:8, Galatians 5:22-23, John 14:26, Romans 8:14

What role does repentance play in your life? What do you feel keeps us from practicing the life giving discipline of repentance?

Would God ever lead us into a repentance that hurt us? Why or why not?

Do you agree that “God is always after your next yes.”? Why isn’t he satisfied with the last one?

As we close, share one thing with the group that you feel God may be leading you into. What happens if you say no? What if you say yes?

Close in prayer.