

EASTER 2018: GOD FOR US

The resurrection is what separates following Jesus from every other belief system on the planet. The resurrection is what makes following Jesus inclusively exclusive. How do we know that for sure? Simple: Truth is discovered, not invented, because truth exists independent of anyone's knowledge of it. Here is the truth -

BIG IDEA: We know that God is for us because He gave us Jesus.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. Have you ever asked questions like: Why do bad things happen to good people? If God is love why does the world suck so much? What is the meaning of life? What makes those questions so difficult to answer?
- 2. How do tough questions keep us from living for God? How do tough questions keep us from being for others? How do tough questions help us?
- 3. With your Bible or Bible App, read John 3:1-2,4, and 9

There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. 2 After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. "Rabbi," he said, "we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you." 4 "What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicodemus. "How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again? How are these things possible?" Nicodemus asked.

John 3:1-2,4,9 (NLT)

- 4. Imagine that you are Nicodemus. What would you have asked Jesus after dark? Why?
- 5. With your Bible or Bible App, read John 3:16

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave[g] his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16(NLT)

- 6. How does Jesus answer the tough questions from Nicodemus? What does Jesus' answer tell us about the solution to our tough questions?
- 7. During the message Carlo said, "We love the truth when it enlightens us, but we hate it when it convicts us." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
- 8. What is one thing you can do this week to live out the Big Idea? How can this group support you?

## WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Jesus did not condemn Nicodemus for his darkness, for his hostile attitude, for guilt by association, or for his questions. He doesn't condemn you either! What will you do with this truth?

## **CHANGING YOUR MIND**

God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. - John 3:17 (NLT)