

Leadership Tip!

Know when it's time to have fun and relax. Great fellowship is part of growing our faith.

EASTER 2018**STARTER QUESTION:**

Have you ever worked long and hard to create something, say like a “Bible study” for example and wonder, “Will anyone even read this?”

It's EASTER people! Time to be with family and friends.

MAIN IDEA:

Easter is a time to remember traditions that you have learned from your family and to teach them to those who have not heard them yet.

Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

*“Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it”*

There is an Easter tradition that is spoken in over 250 different languages all over the world. It is called the “Paschal Greeting” or “Easter Acclamation”. Although there are many different forms of this greeting, they are all summarily to the English version with one person starting the greeting by saying: “Christ is risen!” and the response is “He is risen indeed”.

Both the greeting and response is based on scripture. (Read Mark 16:6 and Luke 24:34.)

Tradition states that saying this greeting is a way to start a discussion about the Resurrection; much as it was during the time of the disciples.

If you were to start a discussion about Christ's Resurrection how would you begin?

How would you start a discussion about Christ's Resurrection with a child?

It is important to remember that you don't need to be an expert on the Bible, just an expert on what the Resurrected Christ has done in your life. This type of discussion is often open, honest and life changing. Think about those who need to hear what you have to say and make a commitment to start the discussion. Even people who would not have gone to church on Easter morning would probably accept an invite to Easter dinner.

There are a lot of other Easter traditions that you could use to help open people's minds, but not every tradition is sound or useful. If you are not sure what your tradition is based on, you might have to do a little digging on the internet to see if it fits into Biblical facts.

There is nothing wrong with tradition as long as it does not get in the way of the truth.

Does anyone have an Easter Tradition that they would like to share?

FINAL THOUGHTS:

Easter is one of those holidays when the homeless are remembered and provided for by the church and their members.

It also marks the end of much of the giving to homeless charities until the Thanksgiving season. Please make provision for our homeless neighbors throughout the year and remember them in your prayers.

"Christ is risen!" - "He is risen indeed"

"A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act." - Mahatma Gandhi

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The 4 most discouraging words that a person can believe?

“THINGS WILL NEVER CHANGE.”

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 15:13 (NIV)

Because of Jesus’ Resurrection, we can have HOPE, both for now and later.

HOPE NOW...

“I pray that you will begin to understand how incredibly great his power is to help those who believe him. It is that same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead.”

Ephesians 1:19-20 (Living)

“Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest... you will find rest for your souls.”

Matt 11:28-29 (NLT)

HOPE LATER...

“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.”

I Jn 5:13 (NIV)

“If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Romans 10:9 (NIV)

How to know you’re going to Heaven:

- Believe that Jesus rose from the dead
- Make Jesus Lord (Boss) of your life

“The Lord... is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to perish, so he is giving more time for everyone to repent. But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief.”

2 Pet 3:9-10 (NLT)