



Easter: Find What You're Looking For

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.
Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life

Take some time to look up and read: John 3: 1-15

1. Nicodemus was a Pharisee and a member of the ruling council (Sanhedrin). The Pharisees were a group of religious leaders whom Jesus and John the Baptists often criticized for being hypocrites. Most Pharisees were intensely jealous of Jesus because he undermined their authority and challenged their views. But Nicodemus was searching, and he believed that Jesus had some answers. A learned teacher himself, he came to Jesus to be taught. No matter how intelligent and well educated we are, we must come to Jesus with an open mind and heart so he can teach you the truth about God.
 - Describe a time when you were searching for answers?
 - Where are you curious and searching today in your spiritual journey?
2. Like Nicodemus, we must examine Jesus for ourselves – others cannot do it for us.
 - How do you examine and pursue Jesus? How are you “active” in your faith?

Take some time to look up and read: John 7:45-52

3. Apparently, Nicodemus had become a secret believer. Since most of the Pharisees hated Jesus and wanted to kill him, Nicodemus risked his reputation and high position when he spoke up for Jesus. Nicodemus confronts the Pharisees with their failure to keep their own laws.
 - What is the difference between religious obligation and duty and relationship with Jesus? How did you learn the difference?

Take some time to look up and read: John 19:38-42

4. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus risked their reputations to provide for Jesus' burial.
 - Are you a secret believer? Do you hide your faith from your friends and fellow workers?
 - When did you or how can you step out from hiding?

Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

5. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We're here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!
Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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