

The Dark Side of Easter



Resisting God

In the days and weeks preceding the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, the high priest Caiaphas found his way into the story. He had an opportunity to stand in the presence of the Savior of the world, but refused to abandon his quest for control and surrender to his Creator. It's easy to dismiss Caiaphas as a fool. But we're also prone to resisting God and putting something else in his place.

- 1. What's one area of your life that you feel in control of right now? Why do you feel like you have that area in order?**
- 2. During the message, Dave said, "Christians often resist the God we say we trust." Talk about a time you saw a Christian resisting God. Did that person's behavior influence your view of God? If so, how?**
- 3. Talk about a time when saying yes to God would have cost you something. What did you do? What happened?**
- 4. Read John 11:47–53. Caiaphas, the chief priests, and the Pharisees worried about losing their temple and their nation because of Jesus. What are some things you worry about losing because of Jesus?**
- 5. What area of your life feels chaotic right now? What would it look like for you to say yes to God in that area?**
- 6. Are you resting or wrestling with God right now? If you're wrestling with him, what is one thing you can do this week to move toward resting with him? How can this group support you?**