Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

The Easter story is probably the best-told story in history. What does this Easter holiday mean to Christians and how does it intersect the real lives of those seeking to understand, and believe?

GETTING STARTED

- 1. Were you raised with Easter traditions? What were they?
- 2. When was the first time that you heard the Easter story; Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection? What did it mean to you then? What does it mean to you now?

BIBLE IDEA

- 3. Do you have any rational objections, or doubts, regarding Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection? If so, what are they? If not, what helped you arrive at your position?
- 4. Sean mentioned three transformative beliefs related to the Easter story. Have you experienced these beliefs? If so, how have they affected you? Which beliefs are you not convinced of?
- 5. If God were to do the impossible in your life, what would that look like?

NEXT STEPS

- 6. Skepticism and pessimism are common experiences for many. Are you experiencing them, and if so how, and in what degree?
- 7. If you walked in greater faith this week...what would that look like?

Beyond EasterRethinking Impossible #1

John 20:19-23

19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Luke 1:37-38, John 20:24-29, Proverbs 3:5-6, John 20:30-31

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| Galatians 5:22-24, | |
| A. The belief that Jesus is the | |
| John 3:16-18 | |
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| B. The belief that | is found in |
| Ecclesiastes 1:1-2, John 10:10-11 | |
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| C. The belief that He can do | |