



Sermon Discussion Guide

Happy Easter - Christian Lindbeck

April 4th, 2021

Leader Preparation

1. Take some time to look over these questions ahead of time. Choose the ones that you want to make sure you cover with your group. We have highlighted what we think are **key questions by bolding them**.
2. Pray for your group and your time together as you prepare. This is so helpful!
3. When meeting online you as the leader will need to be more directive than in person. Don't be afraid to invite everyone to answer a question, invite them to share by name, and thank them when they finish. The online format requires a little more intentional orchestrating than an in-person group.
4. Try to start the gathering by getting everyone talking at least once to begin. The Hook section is great for this. When in doubt, have people share stories about their past. (How the week was, favorite memories about the topic for the day, etc). This is a great way to help your group continue to get to know one another.
5. Next, look at the Scripture and what it means. We believe Jesus is discipling people through this Word. Get people into the Scriptures and the Scriptures into people!
6. Finally, end with what God is saying to people and how God is inviting them to respond. These aren't just ideas to know but realities to live in!



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Hook - Getting to know one another

- How is everyone doing this week? This could also be an icebreaker question related to the topic for discussion.
- 1. Think about where you were one year ago on Easter? What was different about it compared to this year? How has God transformed you over the course of the past year?
- 2. What is your favorite Easter Memory?

Book - Scripture

- Read the scripture, and discuss a few questions to understand **what the text is saying**.
 - **1 Corinthians 15:14-22**
 - **Romans 5:6-11**
- 3. Read 1 Corinthians 15:14-22. Discuss what Paul is saying about the significance of the Resurrection in the Christian Faith. Discuss the implications of the Resurrection of Jesus being true compared to if it was not.
- 4. Read Romans 5:6-11. What does it say about God's character that he would die for his enemies while we scarcely would die for the righteous?

Look - Connections to our world today

- This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.



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5. What does Christ's Resurrection mean for our lives practically? Christian phrased the question "because it's true ____". How does this truth affect the ways that we work, relate to others, our families, our decisions.
6. Discuss how the truth of the resurrection gives meaning to the phrase "no life is wasted."

Took - Personal Application

- This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.
7. Find time this week to Read Luke Chapter 24 and take a moment to reflect and pray about this passage. Is there an area of your life right now that you feel is lacking in meaning? How can this truth give purpose to this aspect of your life.

Time of Prayer