

Discussion Guide

The Difference A Day Makes

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Easter

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Main Idea

The message of Jesus, the life, death, burial and resurrection, forever will be the most significant moments in history. He paid the price for all of our sins on the cross at Calvary. There is forgiveness because of Jesus's sacrifice. Everyone can be fully set free and forgiven. Our part is surrender.

Romans 10:13 (NLT)

"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Additional Scriptures: 1 John 1:9, Hebrews 4:16, Ephesians 4:7, Romans 6:1-2, John 3:16-17, Isaiah 53:5

The Cross Demonstrates The Love of God

The cross is the heart of the Easter story. We believe that Jesus willingly endured the suffering and humiliation of the cross out of love for humanity. This act of self-sacrifice is the ultimate example of unconditional love. The cross shows us that what you live for, you give to. What do you love? How is that love demonstrated?

Addition Scripture: Romans 5:8, John 3:16

The Burial Demonstrates The Mystery of God

He has a plan, even when all seems lost. Jesus, our victorious king, laid dead in the grave. But the reality was that the grave was only a borrowed tomb and their mourning

wouldn't last long. What if those things you've been mourning are only laying in a borrowed tomb? What needs to be resurrected in your life?

Addition Scripture: Matthew 27:57-66, 28:1-6, Romans 10:17, Isaiah 55:8-9, Hebrews 11:1

The Resurrection Demonstrates The Power of God

Jesus resurrection is the cornerstone of our faith. It is the event that gives us hope and assurance that Jesus Christ has conquered sin and death. As we celebrate Easter, let us remember the power of the Resurrection and the life-changing impact it has on our lives. How has the power of the resurrection impacted your life?

Addition Scripture: John 11:25, Galatians 2:20

SUMMARY

Maybe for some of you, you've had a relationship with Christ, but over the years you've dug up that old condemnation. Maybe all of a sudden you're seeing a way out. You used to say "Who is this Jesus, but today I say, I need this Jesus." When you surrender your life fully to Christ it's spiritually like being "born all over again."

CALL TO ACTION

His death, burial, and resurrection really did change everything. The price that He paid gives us freedom and an abundant life.

1. Consider what the significance of the cross means to you today. Tell someone how it has changed everything for you?
2. Take a moment to pray over the thing(s) that you are believing in God to resurrect in your life.
3. Invite someone to come with you to Hope City next weekend. Remember that we are adding a Saturday Night (6PM) service at our Broadcast Campus, and we are moving to two services at our Woodlands and Katy campuses (9:30AM and 11:30AM).

GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

Game: If I were

Ask each person to say what they would be and why, if they were a...

A piece of fruit

An historical figure

A household object

A cartoon character

Any other off the wall group you can think of!

I would be a pineapple as I am exotic, sweet and zingy.

I would be Alexander Bell because I'm always on the phone.

I would be a hammer, because I'm a useful tool.

I would be Taz as I rush around like a crazy creature.