



## Easter at Church of the King 2023 DISCUSSION GUIDE

### OVERVIEW

Today, we celebrate the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We will learn what we would miss out on if there was not a resurrection.

### DISCUSSION

Throughout life, we experience some trying and dark times. We must remember in these times that we are not alone. **John 8:12** says, ***Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."*** Jesus, the ultimate source of light and life, rose from the dead so we could live and hope again.

**2 Chronicles 20:17** says, ***"You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!" Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD is with you.*** When Jesus was on the cross, He was fighting for us. Without Easter and the resurrection of Jesus, there's no real hope for tomorrow and no hope for a new life.

#### 1. If there's no resurrection, there's no light.

When God is not present, light is not present. **Matthew 27:45** says, ***Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land.*** When Jesus was on the cross to purchase our salvation, atoning for our sins, there was enduring, wide-spread darkness.

- Share a time when you felt like you were in darkness.
- How does the resurrection of Jesus restore hope and lightness for you when you're going through a tough time?

After being falsely accused, beaten beyond recognition, crowned with thorns, disgraced, defamed, and nailed to an ugly cross—Jesus died, was buried, and rose again so we could forever have light and not live in darkness.

## 2. If there's no resurrection, there's no life.

Jesus did not come to make bad people good; He came to make dead people alive. **John 5:24** says, ***"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life."*** Not only did Jesus bring us life; He is life! **John 14:6** says, ***Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*** We were all born spiritually dead. Our perfect, heavenly Father lived, died, and rose again to pay for our sins and trespasses.

- How does Jesus's life, death, burial, and resurrection give us life?
- How can we share the gift of salvation with others?

## 3. If there's no resurrection, there's no hope.

**1 Peter 1:3: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.** Without the resurrection, all hope is lost. The resurrection shows His unique nature as the Son of God. The hand of God reached down and raised Jesus from the dead so we can experience hope and eternal life.

- Is there anything in your life that you're believing for God to bring back to life? (relationships, dreams, etc.) How can you build your faith in this area?

## LIFE CHALLENGE

Spend time thinking of what the resurrection personally means to you. Read **1 Corinthians 15:17** to remind you of its importance. Think of three people who need hope, and share with them how the resurrection of Jesus changed your life.

## PRAYER REQUESTS & CLOSE IN PRAYER

*Lord, we thank You for all that You have done for us. Thank You for Your sacrifice on the cross. Thank You for creating us. Thank You for paying the ultimate price so that we can experience light and life. Help us to never forget what we mean to You. Reveal to us anyone we need to share the story of Your resurrection with. Amen. Pray for the specific needs of the group.*