

EASTER

Introduction

Easter. The Resurrection. If it's true, it changes everything. But before we can decide if it's true, we must ask ourselves, do we want it to be true? In other words, do we believe that the Gospel really is "good news?" Or, does it feel like bad news?

Discussion Questions

1. *Read Ephesians 2:8,9.* Is it easy for you to believe that eternal life is a free gift, or do you feel a need to earn it or deserve it?
2. If you feel like it must be earned, how good is good enough? How will you know when you cross that line?
3. Is it difficult to believe that you are a sinner? Does that word carry baggage for you?
4. Jesus described God as a loving and just father. How does that compare to your image of God?
5. *Read Isaiah 53:5-6.* What emotions does this passage evoke for you? Is it hard for you to believe that Jesus could have been your substitute in death?
6. *Read Romans 10:9,10.* Have you come to a point of believing and declaring? If not, what about the good news is hard for you to believe?

MOVING FORWARD

Easter is amazing, because through the resurrection, Jesus conquered death on our behalf. Through the crucifixion, he took our punishment and allows us to have an unbroken relationship with our good and great creator. You can be eternally secure in your salvation — all it takes is to transfer your trust from the good you might do to what Christ has already DONE.