

Life Group Discussion Guide

Easter - April 4

LEADER NOTES

This Sunday we celebrated Easter as a church family, both online and in-person at each of our campuses. It was a wonderful time to come together and recognize the power of the resurrection of Jesus. Pastor Aaron Walton shared a message centered around the idea that Jesus brings renewal when we invite him into the brokenness in our lives.

Notice in this week's guide, there is a specific focus on prayer. During your discussion, be sure to take notes so that you can have a focused time of prayer referencing what your group has discussed together.

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

THIS WEEK'S TEXT

John 20:18-23 (NLT)

Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them, "I have seen the Lord!" Then she gave them his message.

¹⁹ That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said.²⁰ As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! ²¹ Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." ²² Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

LOOK UP

Pastor Aaron identified 5 things the disciples experienced when interacting with the resurrected Jesus in this week's text:

- Peace
- Joy
- Purpose
- The Holy Spirit
- Forgiveness

Which of these do you find yourself desiring the most in this season?

LOOK AROUND

What do you see in the world around you that is in need of renewal?

What do you see in your own life that is in need of renewal?

LOOK AHEAD

What is difficult about inviting Jesus and/or others into the broken areas of your life? How can we overcome such difficulties?

PRAYER

Pray specifically for the areas of needed renewal and the difficulties you've discussed.