

EASTER

AT VICTORY

Leader Conversation Guide – Easter Changes Everything

Main Idea

This week we celebrated the resurrection of Christ! Pastor Curt spoke about how Easter has the power to change everything in our lives! After Jesus' resurrection, He appeared to 500 people before ascending into Heaven. Let's take a look at 3 of those accounts and how they apply to our own lives.

Then Jesus told Him, “Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

JOHN 20:29

Make It Practical:

1. Mary Magdalene - John 20:11-16
 - o Mary is at the grave of heartbreak.
 - o What was supposed to be a place you visited, has now become a place you've set up residence.
 - o Heartbreak can blind you so you don't see that God is right in front of you.
 - o If you find yourself with a broken heart, He is the God Who heals broken hearts.
2. Thomas - John 20:24-29
 - o Your lowest moment shouldn't define the rest of your life.
 - o When your expectations and realities don't line up, that's where disappointments set in.
 - o Disappointment is the gap between what you expected and what you experienced.
 - o God is not in the business of meeting our expectations... He is in the job of exceeding our expectations.
3. Peter - John 21:15-17
 - o Peter's shame pushed him back to where he was comfortable.
 - o Peter jumped out of the boat and ran back to Jesus.
 - o Agape - Unconditional Love
 - o Phileo - Brotherly Love
 - o There's no shame so overwhelming that you can't come home.

Talk About It

- What part of this message impacted you most?
- Have you ever been at the grave of heartbreak?
- When has God exceeded your expectations?
- Have you allowed shame to keep you from where God has called you to?

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Prayer

Father, thank You for the sacrifice You made through Jesus upon the cross. Thank you for the gift of new life through Christ's resurrection. Holy Spirit, help us to cast off heartbreak, disappointment, and shame. You are the healer of broken hearts. You exceed our expectations. You redeem us from our lowest points. Teach us to live for You wholeheartedly. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Leader Tip

Remind Group Members that Growth Track starts this Sunday! It's a perfect time to sign up!