

EASTER

AT VICTORY CHURCH

Leader Conversation Guide – Easter at Victory

Main Idea

Have you ever found yourself stuck in a season that felt painful, confusing, or even hopeless? Maybe you've walked through physical pain, emotional wounds, or relational struggles—and in the middle of it all, wondered where God was.

The Easter story reminds us that God is present in every part of our story—Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. On Friday, Jesus endured unimaginable pain. On Saturday, there was silence, waiting, and uncertainty. But on Sunday, everything changed. The tomb was empty. Jesus was alive. Nobody expected no body—but that's exactly what the women found at the tomb: a rolled-away stone and a risen Savior.

Each of these days tells a part of our own journey. Pain doesn't mean God has left us. Confusion doesn't mean He's forgotten us. And death—whatever form it takes in our lives—doesn't get the final word. The resurrection isn't just something to celebrate; it's something to experience. Because the same power that raised Jesus from the grave lives in us, too. As we begin this conversation, let's be honest about where we are in the story. Are we in a Friday, a Saturday, or a Sunday moment? And wherever that is, let's lean in together and let God remind us: there is no pain His purpose can't redeem, no confusion His presence can't calm, and no death His power can't resurrect.

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

LUKE 24:2-3

Make It Practical

Friday = Day of Pain

- Jesus suffered physically, emotionally, and relationally.
- We all face pain: Physical pain, Emotional pain, Relational pain
- 1 Peter 2:21; Romans 8:28
- Truth: There is no pain that His purpose cannot redeem.

Saturday = Day of Confusion

- A day of silence, waiting, and uncertainty.
- When we're confused: We want answers. We begin to doubt. We may give up. We feel alone.
- Psalm 73:16-17
- Truth: There is no confusion that His presence cannot calm.

Sunday = Day of Resurrection

- Jesus is alive! Death is defeated!
- John 11:25-26; Romans 8:11
- Truth: There is no death that His power cannot resurrect.

Talk About It

Which part of Easter weekend—Friday (pain), Saturday (confusion), or Sunday (resurrection)—do you most relate to right now? Why?

- How does knowing Jesus walked through all three speak to your current situation?

The message said, “There is no pain His purpose cannot redeem.”

- Can you think of a time when God brought purpose out of your pain? What did you learn about Him—or yourself—through it?

Romans 8:11 says the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in us.

- What would it look like to live in the power of the resurrection this week—in your decisions, relationships, and faith journey?

Easter is meant to be experienced, not just celebrated.

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for the cross, and thank You for the empty tomb. In every moment of pain, in every season of confusion, remind us that resurrection is always possible because You are alive. Help us to trust that there is no hurt You cannot heal, no situation You cannot redeem, and no death—physical, emotional, or spiritual—that Your power cannot resurrect. Fill us with the same Spirit that raised You from the grave, and give us courage to live the life You died and rose again to give us. In Your name, we pray—Amen.

Next Steps: Living In Resurrection Power

1. Say Yes to a Relationship with Jesus

- If you're ready to begin a relationship with Christ, don't wait. Say yes to the One who conquered death so you could live fully.
- “Jesus, I believe You are alive. I give You my life—lead me, forgive me, and make me new.”

2. Recommit Your Heart and Trust

- If you've been walking through pain or confusion, today is a chance to return to the presence and promises of God.
- Set aside time daily this week to pray, worship, and reflect on the power of the resurrection.

3. Identify Where You Are in the Journey

- Are you in a Friday (pain), Saturday (confusion), or Sunday (resurrection) season?
- Share that with someone in your Group or a trusted friend. Invite God to meet you right where you are.

4. Join a Group or Serve on a Team

- You weren't meant to walk through life—or faith—alone.
- Take a step into community by joining a Group or using your gifts to serve others.

5. Live Like the Resurrection Is True

- Let the power of Jesus' resurrection change how you respond to fear, doubt, sin, and challenge.
- Ask yourself this week—“What would I do differently today if I really believed the resurrection power of Jesus lived in me?”