



Eternal Easter at The Cove Discussion Guide

Easter is a day many people most recognize and understand on the surface, even if it's not their faith. It is the day we celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection. However, this event is more than a holiday. The resurrection changed the order of the world! This week, we take a deeper dive into the meaning of Easter and salvation.

Jump Start

Leader: This section is designed to get discussions started, examine God's truth, and apply it to our week.

1. What is your favorite Easter tradition?
2. **Read [John 3:16 and 1 John 5:11-13](#)**. As we read these passages, remember who the author is: Jesus' best friend, John. He walked with Jesus for years and directly heard and wrote down the words of His teaching and life. What is required for you to be saved according to these verses? Are you surprised that God wants you to know for certain that you have eternal life? How would/should that change the way you live?
3. **Read [2 Corinthians 5:20-21, Isaiah 53:5-7, and Romans 3:22-26](#)**. What transaction took place when God required Jesus to go to the cross? Have you ever given up something "better" for something "lesser" on purpose? Why would God make this trade? How does this change our attitudes and effect the way we live?
4. **Read [Matthew 7:7-10 and Matthew 28:5-10](#)**. What is the promise Jesus gives us in Matthew 7? How do we see it come to pass in Matthew 28? Do you seek God's presence wholeheartedly? If yes, when did this truly start? If no, what holds you back?
5. Final Thought: The following passage is an encounter between Jesus' disciples and the resurrected Jesus! **Read [Luke 24:28-32 and Ecclesiastes 3:11](#)** Has your heart ever "burned" with a knowledge of who God is and what he wants to do? When have you experienced this? For those that haven't, why do you think that is?

Deeper

Leader: This section is designed for further use in your Life Group or for personal study. These can also be used as discussion points and ways to stay connected with your group throughout the week.

There are prophecies about the Messiah, His death, resurrection, and the redemption He would bring throughout the Bible. Look at some of these passages and note what was planned from the fall of man. Some are allusions and some are actual prophecies of what was to come.

6. **Genesis 3:14-15**: Who is the serpent? “Her offspring”? How do the last two lines apply to the crucifixion?

7. **Psalm 22:1,7-8, 14, 15** Why did Jesus quote this scripture on the cross? How do we see Jesus fulfill this prophecy described in the 22nd Psalm?

8. **Exodus 12:3, 5, 7-8, 12-13, 46 and Psalm 34:20** In what ways does Jesus resemble the Passover Lamb? List as many as you see.

9. **Psalm 16:8-11 and Acts 2:31-32**: In Acts, Peter quotes King David’s Psalm. What is the promise here?

10. **Matthew 12:38-40** What is “the sign of Jonah”? Who made this claim?

11. **John 11:23-27**: What did Jesus Himself promise? How do you feel about this bold statement?