

Instructions

Group leaders, take some time before your gathering to look over these questions. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and pick 3-5 questions to discuss, which pertain to your group's unique needs and style.

For the video related questions, look up the video in RightNow Media. You can do this on a phone, tablet, computer, or SmartTV device. You can easily find the video by clicking on the "Revolution Church" channel within the app. If you or a group member needs access to RightNow Media, please email info@revolutionky.org.

Series Synopsis

Is this over yet? Are we there yet? Are we really starting Lent... AGAIN? Some days we may still feel lost in the wilderness of last Lent or virtual everything, going around in circles, or just plain stuck. And the yet the season of Lent invites us into an intentional time of journeying with God, even finding God, in the busyness of life. It is a time of holy preparation that can bring new life and renewal as we seek God's presence in the midst of it all. Join us this Lent as we journey with Christ through his own time of preparation from his wilderness temptation to the cross. We will stop along the familiar "places" of his ministry to find ourselves in the same places of invitation and longing, and discover how Christ accomplishes, not exactly what we expect, but always what we need. What is the way through? How do we take the next step? By placing our trust in God and in God alone.

Message Synopsis

He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today! Mary Magdalene and Mary went to the tomb early the next morning and encountered an angel. "Do not fear! He is not here, for he is risen!" Jesus' resurrection is our hope and promise of new life, for if we suffer with Christ, we know that we will also be resurrected with him. We have journeyed with Jesus this far all the way to the cross, and now we are reminded that his true destination all along has been resurrected and seated at the right hand of the Father. It is a place of freedom and new life that he opens up for us all, and his promise is sure.

Key Scriptures

Matthew 28:1-10

Questions Related to This Week's Message

1. As you reflect back on our whole journey with Christ this Lent, what did you learn? How did you hear the stories of Jesus' ministry differently this year? In which "place" did you encounter God the most?
2. "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:19
 - a. In what ways have you seen God make a way in the wilderness for you and this church community during this season?
 - b. Where are you seeing signs of God's new life, hope, and "new thing" this Easter?

Video and Discussion Questions from RightNow Media

Video: “The Power of the Resurrection” (19 min)

(located in the “Renovation Group Conference Sessions” channel)

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Training/Post/View/23173>

NOTE: If you have time, watch the introduction up to time marker 8:50. Then, pick up the message at 27:25 and watch until 46:30. Some content may not be suitable for children.

1. Take a moment to discuss this video freely. What stuck out to you? What bothered you? What questions did this raise for you? Even consider where and why your mind wandered as you watched, as it might reveal something of your heart or something of significance in the message.
2. Now take some time to discuss these three questions. They’re simple questions, but they may require some vulnerability and soul-searching to answer them truthfully and in depth. Ask for God’s help to reveal the right answers to you as you share in your group.
 - What has God saved you FROM? (What has died in you on the cross with Christ?)
 - What has God saved you TO? (Go beyond the answers found in the message and be specific.)
 - What are you going to do about it now?

Family-Related Questions:

1. If you have kids, it might help to watch the introduction to the video above (up to time marker 8:50). Depending on the age and maturity of your kids, they may have very different understandings of what Easter is all about. How do you explain it to them? Spend some time sharing how your kids understand the resurrection. If you don’t know, make a plan to ask them this week.
2. How can we make the resurrection life of Christ relevant to our kids? If they have yet to make an independent decision to follow Christ, this may be harder to answer, but it is the answer that could make all the difference. Share your thoughts with the group.

If your kids *have* made the decision to follow Jesus, consider asking them this week the three questions found in the previous section... What has God saved you from? What has God saved you to? And what are you going to do about it? Consider also sharing your answers to these questions with them. (A great way to start this conversation might be, “we had this great conversation in our group last night, and I want to know what *you* think...”)