





COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: To receive the greatest gift ever given, love from Jesus & eternal life.

HEAD CHANGE: The resurrection of Jesus reveals the radical love of Jesus.

HEART CHANGE: I am fully known by God and fully loved by God.

LIFE CHANGE: To be transformed by God's love when I am honest about my sin.

OVERVIEW

A lot of us have trouble understanding why Jesus had to die for our sins not because we don't understand God's holiness, but we misunderstand our own level of depravity. In a world where so much sin is accepted and celebrated, it's easy to believe that we aren't "that bad." Without the sacrifice of Jesus, we would be without hope and without forgiveness. Isaiah 64:6 says, "We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags. Like autumn leaves, we wither and fall, and our sins sweep us away like the wind." Even on our best days and with our best intentions, without the blood of Jesus we would deserve death as the punishment for sin. We did nothing to earn our forgiveness and everything to deserve punishment. But in God's great love for us, He sent His son and took our punishment upon Himself. Jesus died not because we were worthy of it, but because He loves to be with the ones He loves.

"But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed"
-Isaiah 53:5 (NIV)-

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Talk about your favorite childhood memory of Easter.
2. When it comes to the life of Peter, what can you relate to the most?
3. When Jordan said, "You have the capacity to be loved only to the degree you are willing to be known." Do you agree or disagree? Why?
4. How has your understanding of God's love for you changed over time? Why?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus. Jesus, thank you for radically and undeservedly loving me. Holy Spirit, I ask that you show me the areas of my life that are broken and need to be restored. I ask that you help rebuild and restore those areas so that I may heal and help others experience your real love. Thank you for forgiving every sin in my life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

IN THIS TOGETHER!