



MESSAGE GROUPS - EASTER 2019 - APRIL 21

LEADERSHIP THOUGHT:

Through Jesus's death on the cross, our sin debt was paid. Easter is a reminder not only of this sacrifice, but also of the love God has for those who are in relationship with Him and those who are far from Him. We are reminded to give thanks to our Heavenly Father and that our creator has given us something worth living for.

ICEBREAKER:

What is your favorite Easter tradition or memory?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read aloud **Luke 22: 14-19**.

- **Q:** *What is Jesus asking us to remember? Why do you think Jesus was so intentional about creating a practice to help his disciples and followers "do this in remembrance"?*

Jesus tells us to remember him because he knows our tendency to forget. We get caught up in the world and try to find our worth in relationships, career, and family. But the cross tells us that we are worth dying for. Jesus has already defined our worth by what He did for us.

- **Q:** *What are the things we can get stuck trying to find our worth in? How does remembering what Jesus did for us shape how and where we find our worth?*

Through breaking bread and sharing in communion, we're able to remember the sacrifice of Jesus and what he paid to free us from sin. ***The cross says we were worth dying for, and then in his resurrection, we are given something worth living for.***

- **Q:** *God calls us to forget our sin, shame, and guilt - and to remember the sacrifice where he defeated sin once and for all. Do you think this is easier said than done? How have you experienced the power of God's forgiveness in your life?*
- **Q:** *The gift of Easter means something unique to all of us. How would you summarize the impact that Jesus's death and resurrection have had on your life?*

CLOSE

Jesus's sacrifice on the cross allows us to go from eternal death to eternal life. As followers of Jesus, we have experienced this freedom, but we still have friends and family we're praying audacious prayers to find Jesus.

Q: *What (or who) is your audacious prayer for?*

Leaders: *Allow your group space to write down their audacious prayer and share it as they feel led.*

