

BIBLE STUDY DISCUSSION GUIDE

Easter: The Picture of Victory

April 20, 2025



Welcome. Icebreaker: “What’s your funniest or most memorable Easter tradition from growing up?”

Read Together. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (NIV)

Scripture References. Matthew 27:16-26, 1 Peter 2:24, John 19:30, Isaiah 52:14, John 19:33-34, John 15:13, John 20:1-8, Acts 2:38-39, Matthew 5:48, James 2:10

Discussion Questions.

1. What stands out to you about the exchange between Barabbas and Jesus?
2. How do you define grace in your own words?
3. How have you personally experienced God’s grace?
4. What does it mean that Jesus “took your score” and gave you His?
5. Have you ever struggled with the idea that you’re not “good enough” for God—or that you don’t need Him because you’re a “good person”? How does the message of grace challenge both perspectives?
6. What do the burial and suffering of Jesus show us about the extent of His love?
7. How would you explain the significance of Jesus *choosing* to stay on the cross?
8. The message shared a Navy SEAL’s story of sacrifice. Who has made a big sacrifice in your life, and how did it affect you?
9. Have you ever found yourself asking, “Does anyone care?” How does the image of Jesus in the tomb speak into that feeling?

10. Why is the resurrection not just an ancient miracle, but a present source of hope?
11. What does the empty grave (and empty grave clothes) say about our life in Christ?
12. What area of your life needs resurrection power right now?
13. In what ways are you still wearing “grave clothes”? What would it look like to fully walk in victory?

Action Steps.

- Have you ever responded to the gospel personally?
- Have you been baptized as a public declaration of faith?
- Who do you know who needs to hear the good news about Jesus?

Challenge for the Week. Write down one way you can live in light of the victory Jesus won for you, and share it with the group next week.

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