



EASTER

What was the purpose of Jesus dying on the cross?

OPENING QUESTIONS - Use one or both of these questions to connect with others in your group:

1. Describe in your own words what it means to follow Jesus and be a Christian.
2. Name a time when you sinned or messed up. When did you last sin?

KEY POINTS - take a minute to review the key points from this weekend's message

1. All of us have fallen short of God's standard for our lives. How do we fix that?
2. Most people believe good people go to Heaven, but how good is good enough??
3. Good people don't go to Heaven – forgiven people do!
4. Solution = ABC:
 - a. A = ADMIT you have a problem. (all sin is equal because it separates you from God)
 - b. B = BELIEVE that Jesus is the answer. (not just in your head but in your heart)
 - c. C = COMMIT your life to Jesus by repenting & being baptized (apply your beliefs)
5. Receive the Holy Spirit who will fill your emptiness and give you peace.
6. Three Misperceptions:
 - a. I've messed up too much for God to save me. (God will always accept you!)
 - b. I still have questions. (you always will!)
 - c. I need to get my life in order first (can't happen without Jesus first)

SCRIPTURES USED IN THIS MESSAGE: Romans 3:23, Luke 23:32, Luke 23:39, Luke 23:40-41, Luke 23:43, James 59:2, Isaiah 59:2, John 3:16, Acts 4:12, Acts 2:38

RESPOND

Talk about a thought, phrase, or moment from this weekend's message that stuck with you. Give a brief reason for why these things stuck with you. Are you still left with questions?

What would you say to a friend who insists he/she is a good person, and therefore will go to Heaven?

What would you say to a friend who insists he/she is bad and beyond saving?

APPLY

Name one way you can take your belief that Jesus died on the cross for your sins from your head, into your heart, and out into the world? Talk about any doubts you still hold onto.

PRAY