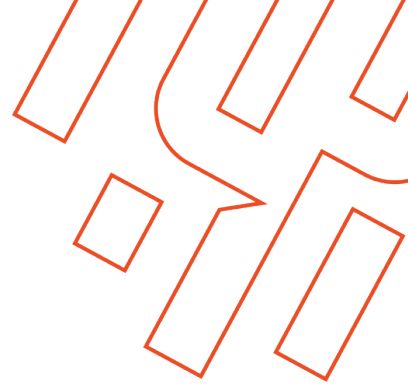


Easter Weekend

CCV Groups Discussion Guide



OPENING QUESTION:

What's the most incredible event you've ever witnessed?

GROUPS VIDEO GUIDE

READ:

[Romans 6:3-14](#)

DISCUSS:

- How does the symbol of baptism relate to the concept of dying to sin and being raised to new life in Christ? Why is baptism so important to our journey with Jesus?
- What are daily or seasonal actions in nature or everyday life that could serve as reminders of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection?
- Baptism is an expression of our faith and allegiance to Jesus. It's a reminder of how we've been CHANGED. What other rhythms exist in your life that center your life on Jesus?
- How does Easter challenge you to live with an eternal perspective?
- What do you need to do to keep the message of Easter at the center of your daily life? Take action and do it.

PRAYER:

Ask the group to list anyone they knew who got baptized this Easter. Write down their names and pray for them. If not, pray for the hundreds of people who were baptized at CCV this Easter. Pray that they would walk with Jesus and become like Jesus so they can fulfill Jesus' mission in community with others.

SCRIPTURES:

1 Peter 1:3, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

1 Thessalonians 4:14, "For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep."

Romans 8:11, “If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.”

John 11:25-26, “Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?””

Romans 6:4, “We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

Luke 24:6-7, “He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.”

Romans 8:34, “Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.”

Acts 4:33, “And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.”

Romans 6:8-11, “Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

Romans 6:5, “For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.”