

No Matter What

Week 1
4.3.10

LEADER PREP

MAIN POINT

Easter reminds us we are loved no matter what.

SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:7-10 NLT

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help student to see how Easter demonstrates God's unconditional love for us and to encourage them to accept that love for themselves.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Be prepared for and open to potential doubts, questions, and uncertainties that your students may express throughout this series. Remember that the things we talk about at Easter can feel abstract or distant to your students, and that can make those things hard to believe. Your role is to create a safe space for them to share and process. Learning to ask questions and think for themselves is part of growing and maturing not just in their faith, but as people. If they express doubts or questions, see them as a chance to start great (and potentially life-changing) conversations.

EASTER CHALLENGE: COME SIT WITH US

We are inviting Student Ministry families to invite others to sit with them this Easter. We are called to invite others to come to know Jesus and grow in their relationship with Him. Who are you inviting to sit with you and your family? Encourage your students to start talking to their families about this too!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE CHECK IN

- How was everyone's week? Share Highs & Lows.
- Someone recap the main point of the message.
- What's one thing you used to love when you were younger?
- What do you think it means to be loved no matter what?
- What's one reason someone might struggle to believe that Jesus loves them no matter what?

THE WORD

- READ 1 John 4:7-10.
- What are different ways these verses describe real love?
- How does God sending Jesus to earth show His great love for us?

DO THIS

- Pass out pens and handouts. Have your students write their names in the blank. Depending on your group size and your time, have each student read the verse aloud with their name on it.

APPLICATION

- How can knowing Jesus loves us no matter what, change the way:
 - You feel about yourself?
 - You think about Jesus?
 - You feel about others?
- What is one thing you can do this week to either thank Jesus for His love for you or remind yourself of His love for you?

COMMUNITY BUILD

- How can we connect outside of small group time and have fun together?

PRAY

We are going to close in prayer.
Anyone have any prayer requests?

1 JOHN 4:7-10 NLT

"Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. 8 But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 God showed how much He loved us by sending His one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. 10 This is real love—not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins."

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