

AFTER LIFE

WEEK 1

MARCH 27 + 30, 2022



LEADER PREP

MAIN POINT

Because of the resurrection, John knew he was loved.

SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:8-10 & 16a

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students begin to reshape their view of God and personalize what Easter means for them.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Somewhere in the middle of the high school years (ahem, we see you tenth grade), students begin to question and rethink what they have always believed. This isn't a bad thing. It's necessary for developing an authentic personal faith. This week, encourage and celebrate any student who is wrestling with or questioning what they have always believed.

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 is one thing you used to fear that you now understand better so you don't fear it anymore? (Maybe something you were afraid of when you were really little?)
- What are some different ideas people have about who God is and what He is like?
- Be honest, which of these words do you think describe God: Angry, Disappointed, Fun, Loving, Far away, Not real, Old, Forgiving, Powerful

THE WORD

- READ 1 John 4:8-10 & 16b. What do people do differently when they know and believe they are loved compared to when they don't? What could change about someone's life if they truly believed God loves them?
- How can we remind ourselves and others of the truth about how God feels about us?

APPLICATION

- Sometimes it is easier to talk about these things in church than remember them on a daily basis. Encourage your students to set a reminder on their phones that goes off every day that says something like: "God loves me."
- Who in your life needs to know God loves them?
- Who can your family invite to sit with you at Easter?

COMMUNITY BUILD

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

PRAY

We are going to close in prayer.
What prayer requests do y'all have?

1 John 4:8-10 & 16b

"Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.....God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them."

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