

Small Group Questions
April 21, 2019
Resurrection Sunday

Community Question

Chocolate Easter Bunnies – Are you “Team Hollow” or “Team Solid”? Why?

Into the Word & Application

1. What is the Gospel?

We have talked about this a lot lately. This is a good time to review some of the doctrines that may have been discussed in the previous small group season. Encourage your group to provide Scriptural support for their answers.

- The Gospel starts in Genesis when Adam’s sin separated us from God. (Romans 5:19)
- To remove this separation and live with Him in heaven, we don’t need to be good, we need to be perfect. But no one can reach that benchmark. (Romans 3:23)
- The penalty for our sin is death. (Romans 6:23)
- Jesus was born of a virgin. (Doctrine of Incarnation) He was fully God and fully man. (John 1:14)
- He continued to live a perfect life. (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- Jesus paid our death penalty with His death on the cross. Then He conquered death by raising from the dead. (John 19-20)
- By repenting of our sin and believing in the person and work of Jesus Christ, we can be saved from the penalty of our sin. (Romans 10:9)

Read John 21:1-8

2. Why do you think that Peter responded to Jesus the way he did?

You may want to remind your group that Peter is the one who denied Christ three times, and he was ashamed. Here, Peter sees Jesus, and perhaps his first thought was, “I have a second chance!” - - - Remember this is speculation, but ask your group what they can learn from some of our theories. Have they ever felt ashamed for their behavior? Knowing the Christ has paid for our sins past, present and future gives us a “second chance.” How does that make you feel?

3. What is awe-some about the resurrection? How can you respond with a “sense of awe?”

A “sense of awe” is focused on our emotional response to a truth, so start with the truth. What is awe-some about the resurrection? There will be varying answers, but some should include:

- My sin debt has been paid.
- I am no longer separated from God.
- I didn’t deserve it, but He did it anyway.
- It brings complete freedom from the bondage of sin.

From here, guide the group to practical expressions of their emotional response. Here are some examples.

- My sin debt has been paid, so I can now be generous with forgiveness. I need to forgive...
- I am no longer looking at death, but eternal life. I will invest in eternity with my time, talent and treasure. I can give financially to the local church and missions.
- I am no longer separated from God, so I not only can spend time with Him, I will spend quiet time with Him daily.

4. Shaun mentioned that Lord is a positional word. How does your life reflect the following?
- He is in charge.
 - He is Lord over death.
 - He is Lord over life.