



April 17, 2022 // Tyler Scott, Lead Pastor

INTRODUCTION

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What's your favorite Easter tradition (family, church, bunny, etc.)?
2. **Read Luke 23:32-34.** What is significant about Jesus' response here—the first words He spoke while He hung on the cross? How do you think you would have responded?
3. **Read Luke 23:35-43.** Both criminals deserved to be there. Their words to Jesus were very different. What does the criminal ask for in verse 42? What is Jesus' response to his request (v43)? Why did Jesus show him such great mercy? What things could this criminal NOT DO at that moment, to earn Jesus' favor? How and why is this relevant to our lives?
4. **Read Psalm 103:8-10 and Romans 3:23-24.** The GOOD NEWS about the cross (application point #1) is: "God does not give us what our sins deserve." Instead, He forgives us—He offers us grace (undeserved favor). How does it make you feel to know that God is NOT FAIR with us when it comes to our sin? Is any part of it hard to believe? Why?
5. In what area(s) of your life do you struggle with guilt? **Read Ephesians 2:8-9.** What does God offer, and how do we get it? What can we NOT do to get grace?
6. **Read Mark 16:2-7.** The Good News of the resurrection (application point #2) is: "God does have the power to bring healing and hope." In Breezy's Story, how did God bring healing and hope? Where do you need healing and hope in your life? How does the resurrection of Jesus give you HOPE for the power of God to work in your life?

COMMIT TO MEMORY: *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.*

Ephesians 2:8-9

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER: Share prayer requests, and commit to praying for one another until you next meet.