

# SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Getting ready for Easter, following up on the 4 E's of the Resurrection

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## MEMORY VERSE

*<sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should. Ephesians 6:19*

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS – EASTER IS NOT ABOUT A BUNNY!

This week, we will be celebrating the Easter holiday. Not only will Christians be celebrating Easter but so will children of all ages as they get excited about a freakishly huge rabbit distributing and hiding eggs full of candy! Little kids aren't the only ones who plan on celebrating; college students all across the country are celebrating their spring breaks. Spring break for many students means no school, few responsibilities, mid-term recovery, and maybe even some parties where unwise decisions will likely be made.

A lot of people feel like they have something to celebrate. Sadly, many of them have no idea about the ultimate reason to celebrate. The resurrection of Jesus which provides victory over Satan, sin and death as well as eternal life, forgiveness, meaning to our lives, and the ability to glorify God through our changed lives. One of the coolest parts about the Easter Holiday is that a lot of unsaved people are more open to going to church on Easter. At the Rock, we make the most of this awesome opportunity to share the Gospel with a ton of non-believers who normally wouldn't make their way into church on a Sunday.

Because we have this amazing opportunity, we wanted to spend some time this week, praying for those who will be attending and asking God to rescue them from their sins and the penalty for their sins.

### ***A- Adoration/Admire***

1. A.) Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 8:1, Romans 10:9-10 and Romans 5:8. Spend some time thanking God that the Gospel is true. Thank him for rescuing you from your sins and from the prospect of facing Hell for all eternity. Thank Jesus for the Cross and for taking on the punishment that otherwise you would deserve. Thank Jesus for trading places with you by becoming your sin and giving you his righteous, unchanging, perfect standing before God. Thank the Holy Spirit for drawing you to Jesus and by enabling you to believe the Gospel. Thank the Father for sending his Son that he loved so much for you.

B.) If anyone in the group doesn't understand the Gospel message and how to be right with God through what Jesus has done, explain the gospel to them and give them an opportunity to believe in and receive Jesus.

After you explain the Gospel to them, if they understand and believe you can help them receive Jesus by praying a prayer similar to this one:

**God,**

**I know that I am not worthy to be accepted by you. I don't deserve your gift of eternal life. I am guilty of rebelling against you and ignoring you. You created me but I turned my back on you and have been doing things my way. Sinning against you, I deserved to be punished in Hell. I need your forgiveness.**

**Thank you for sending your Son, Jesus to die for me so that I could be forgiven. Thank you that He rose from the dead to give me new life**

**Please forgive me and begin to change me from the inside out. Jesus, I want you to be my Lord and Savior, my Leader and my Forgiver. AMEN**

There is nothing magical about the words of the prayer, it is just them acknowledging that they believe the Gospel and that they want to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

### ***W-Waiting***

Spend some time listening to God and asking Him to show you who you need to share the Gospel with this week or invite to church.

### ***C-Confession***

Read 1 John 1:9.

Spend some time confessing your sin out loud. Confessing the sin that Jesus died for. Ask Him for forgiveness and thank Him for always forgiving you. Confess your lack of boldness in sharing the Gospel with or inviting your unsaved family, friends or co-workers to church.

### ***I-Intercession***

Read Matthew 9:1-3

Who is someone you can invite to church this Sunday to potentially meet Jesus for the first time and have their sins forgiven? Pray for your group members and pray by name for the people they want to invite that they would come and open their hearts to the Gospel.

Read Ephesians 6:19.

Spend sometime praying for Pastor Miles as he is getting ready like Paul to preach the Gospel. Pray that God would protect him from the enemy. Pray that he would be able to preach the gospel clearly and boldly. Pray that God would give him strength as he will be preaching seven times over two days!!! Pray that God would use him to see many saved through the Gospel.

### ***P-Petition***

Read Psalm 13.

When was the last time you were brutally honest with God about your feelings and thoughts? If God could answer one prayer right now, what would you have Him grant in your personal life? Who is one person you really want to see saved this Easter (we want to see everyone saved, but who is on your heart more than anyone else)?

Spend time out loud asking God for these things and to asking him to save these people.

### ***A-Adoration/Admire***

Thank God again for saving you and being good to you through the Gospel.