



Small Group Questions: Easter

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Read

Acts 2:22–28 and 37–39; Matthew 6:25–27 and 31–32; Philippians 4:6–7; John 16:33, Jeremiah 29:11, and 1 Corinthians 2:9–10

Reflect

Most of us would agree that life is not fair, but our inborn desire for justice often makes this hard to accept. No one has experienced the unfairness of life more than Jesus. His entire life focused on saving humankind. Yet, the most loving Man in history—the only sinless man ever to exist on Earth—was condemned as a criminal and sentenced to an excruciating death. It seemed that Satan had won. But as Peter says in Acts 2:24, death proved no match for Jesus...it was impossible for it to hold power over Him. Christ's Resurrection is the turning point...the paradigm shift when all things were made new. The same power that raised Christ from the dead is available to us. Are you using this power in your daily life?

Where are you overmatched this Easter?

Pastor Greg reminds us of three very important truths about the power available to us in Christ:

1. Your worry is no match for God's peace.
 - a. What keeps you awake at night?
 - b. In Philippians 4:6–7, we are reminded to not worry, but pray about everything. Have you seen God's hand in answer to your prayers? In what ways?
 - c. How have these answers to your prayers varied? Were they immediate? Did they take time? Or is God upholding you right now in the midst of pain?
2. Your grief is no match for God's goodness.
 - a. Are you trying to handle things on your own? What has been the result?
 - b. Grief can take many forms: loss of a loved one, the end of a relationship or a lifelong dream, or even facing a change where you know life will be different from here on out. If you are experiencing this, are you allowing yourself to grieve?
 - c. In what ways could you be more open to others helping you through your grief? How open are you being with God? Why does God want you to grieve through Him?
 - d. Think of someone going through a difficult time right now. What can you do to help them know they are not alone?
3. Your past is no match for God's future.
 - a. Are you having a hard time trusting God with your future because of something that happened in your past? Why?
 - b. In Acts 2:38–39, Peter tells us to repent of our sins, turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. He says to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit—the promise of God's power in our lives. Where are you in this process and what is the next step you need to take?

Could you use more of God's power in your life? Easter is all about new beginnings.

Respond

Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you and hold you accountable in this?