



Easter 2026

Group Guide | April 5

Open with and icebreaker and prayer (10 minutes).

Do you have any favorite Easter traditions? Share one with your group!

Spend a few moments as you open up your group time thanking God for sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. Thank Him also for raising Christ from the dead by the Holy Spirit so that our faith is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:14) and so that we can have a "living hope" (1 Peter 1:3)!

Read 1 Peter 1:3 and then discuss the sermon (30 minutes).

- Dan opened his sermon by talking about "unexpected blessings." When was a time in your life when you received an unexpected blessing? Explain.
- How would you, in your own words, describe the reason why the resurrection of Jesus is the *ultimate* unexpected blessing?
- After denying Jesus, Dan pointed out that Scripture shows us that Peter "went outside and wept bitterly" (Luke 22:62). This was the lowest point of Peter's life. Have you ever had a moment like that? Where you didn't just mess up—you became the kind of person you never thought you'd be? Share with your group a moment that comes to mind.
- Dan then shared several different ways in which the death of Jesus was utterly bleak! He mentioned how Jesus died alone, was beaten, was nailed to the cross, was run through with a spear, and then placed in a tomb. In his sermon, Dan said that all these details are more than physical, they're symbolic. What do all these things together tell us about the significance of what's happening at the cross and burial?



- What happens next is beyond amazing! Jesus is resurrected. How would you describe the meaning of Jesus' resurrection?
- Read John 21:1-19. How does Jesus meet and "restore" Peter in this passage? What does that mean for you and the life of discipleship to Jesus?
- During Sunday's sermon, we also heard a powerful testimony of how God has worked in the life of a man named DeVon. What resonated with you from the way that God has worked in DeVon's life to transform him?
- After DeVon's testimony, Dan shared, "Isn't it incredible how Jesus can change someone's life and give them a living hope? Jesus transformed my friend DeVon, Jesus transformed Peter. Because Jesus died on the cross for our sins, and rose victoriously from the grave, he can transform anyone's life who trusts in him." Where are you most in need of resurrection and transformation in your own life?

Finish with prayer (10 minutes).

Take a few moments to finish in prayer as a group. Do so by splitting into smaller groups of 3-4. In your smaller groups, share with one another where you're desiring the transformative power of Christ's resurrection in your own life. Then, once you're finished sharing, pray for each other from what was shared!