

# **EASTER**

This week we celebrated Easter, the day that changed everything. Jesus conquered sin and death! We have the hope of eternal life if we place our faith in Him. While we set aside a day every year to celebrate Easter, Jesus' death and resurrection are something that we should celebrate every day. Although we get caught up in the food, the egg hunts, and the baskets, it is so important that we reflect on what Jesus did for all of humanity.

# 1. What is your favourite Easter tradition? 2. What is the main message of Easter? 3. Why is it important for each one of us to stop and remember Easter?

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1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-23. According to these verses, why does the resurrection make all of the difference for followers of Christ?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-58. According to these verses, why do followers of Christ have victory over sin and death?
3. Read Romans 8:1-2; 12-17, Ephesians 2:1-10. What gifts did we receive as a result of Jesus' resurrection?
4. Read Romans 8:3-4. What did Jesus accomplish on the cross that we could not?

### **Take It Home**

If you have not made a decision to accept Gods forgiveness through what Jesus did on the cross, you can pray this prayer:

"Lord Jesus, for too long I've kept you out of my life. I know that I am a sinner and that I cannot save myself. No longer will I close the door when I hear you knocking. By faith I gratefully receive your gift of salvation. I am ready to trust you as my Lord and Savior. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for coming to earth. I believe you are the Son of God who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead on the third day. Thank you for bearing my sins and giving me the gift of eternal life. I believe your words are true. Come into my heart, Lord Jesus, and be my Savior. Amen."

If you prayed this prayer, we would love to walk with you on this new life you are beginning. Visit us at <a href="www.np.church/nextsteps">www.np.church/nextsteps</a> and click on "I Made A Decision To Follow Jesus"

### The Lords Supper (Communion)

### Take time to celebrate communion together as a group.

- Give each group member bread and juice to eat and drink.
- Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.
- Take some time to eat the bread, then drink the juice. As you do this, remember the sacrifice Jesus made so that you could have freedom from sin and death.
- Take a moment around your group to share what Jesus means to each person.

"For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NIV)



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