

Easter is Good News
1 Corinthians 15:1 – 4

“(1) Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. (2) By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. (3) For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, (4) that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...”

1. The gospel is good news.
2. The gospel can save us.
3. Three things to know about the gospel. (this is why it's good news)
 - 1) Christ died for our sins
 - 2) Christ was buried
 - 3) Christ was raised on Easter Sunday
4. How to receive this good news.

“That if you confess with your mouth, Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.”
Romans 10: 9 and 13

Small Group Leader & Personal Bible Study

Memory Verse: John 20:21

“Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

Discovery Bible Study Exercise: In your journal or on a piece of paper make three columns and follow these steps:

- Step #1: Write out John 20:21
- Step #2: Re-write John 20:21 in your own words
- Step #3: Write out what you discover from Jesus in this passage?

Daily Bible Meditation:

- Day 1 – Mark 16:1-20
- Day 2 – Luke 24:1-35
- Day 3 – Luke 24:36-53
- Day 4 – John 20:1-18
- Day 5 – John 20:19-31

Lesson: Peace from Jesus Christ

1. Read Mark 16:1-11. What emotions would you have felt if you had been with Mary, the first to find the empty tomb?
2. What greeting does Jesus use to address His disciples after His resurrection? (Read John 20:19, 20:21, and 20:26)
3. What is the significance of Jesus' greeting? Do you think this greeting is what the disciples might have expected?
4. How would you explain the peace that Jesus offers? What scriptures would help you explain that peace?