

Community Group Leader Guide

For the Week Of 3.31.24

Sermon Series: Easter 2024

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<https://clifec.com/community-group-resources/>

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<https://www.youtube.com/@CommunityLifeChurch>

Announcements:

Bloom Ministry

April 5, 2024 • 6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. and April 6, 2024 • 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Location: c|Life Forney campus, 204 FM1641, Forney, TX 75126

We are expecting God to move and work in amazing ways over these two days! SPACE IS LIMITED, SO ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO SIGN UP QUICKLY! Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, and 8:00 a.m. on Saturday.

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Icebreaker:

What's your favorite childhood memory related to Easter?

Or

Are peeps candy delicious or disgusting? Time to settle this!

Quick Review:

Billions of people around the world recognize the Easter holiday but so many are still on the fence about the validity of Jesus' resurrection. So we concluded our series, "The Beauty of Jesus" with our Easter 2024 message about the truth of the resurrection and the role of doubt and faith in the story.

Make It Personal:

1. What is the most compelling piece of evidence to you about the resurrection?
2. Is there anything that has ever caused you to doubt your faith? What is the hardest thing to believe about the story of Jesus?

Go Deeper:

1. **Read John 20:26-27** together. What is surprising about Jesus' reaction to Thomas' doubts? What can we learn from this moment?
2. Can doubt and faith coexist? How do you wrestle with these two concepts?
3. If the resurrection is true, how does that change your everyday life? What implications does that have on your day to day?

Action Steps:

1. **Reflect:** Spend some time this week actively reflecting on your doubts and questions about faith. Spend some time with a trusted friend or mentor talking through the hard to grasp answers.
2. **Celebrate:** Easter is a time of celebrating Jesus' conquering of death. What better news is there than the reality of eternal life in heaven with God because of Jesus' work! Praise him and celebrate him this week in your thoughts, actions, and conversations with others.
3. **Pass it on:** Take time to share the Good News with someone this week who may not know the reality of the beauty of Jesus this Easter season.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for our follow ups after Easter services and for all of the new believers who are just beginning their faith journey around the world.
2. Continue to pray for Bloom, our women's conference! Pray that God would use it to encourage the hearts of women in our churches and beyond.

Feel free to use this guide to facilitate discussion in your community group. Modify the questions as you see fit.