

Sermon Discussion Guide - Good Friday & Easter

It is Finished: Atonement & Life

Good Friday - Discussion & Application

Read John 19:28-30, Hebrews 9:11-28, and Hebrews 10

1. Why was atonement necessary?
 - a. Is there any common ground between a holy God and sinful man?
2. Why is Jesus the perfect sacrifice for your sins?
3. How does Jesus' "once for all time" atonement affect the way that you view your relationship with Him? (9:12, 28) How does this truth anchor our hope in the security of our salvation and help us endure until the end?
4. Jesus died to take away the sins of those who trust in His perfect and finished work on the cross. How is your motivation to share the gospel strengthened by the knowledge that Jesus' death secures redemption for every person who is called? (9:15) Does this knowledge refine your definition of "success" in evangelism?
5. Why was it necessary for Jesus to be born as a man and die for our sins? What does this necessity teach you about the costliness of your salvation? What does it teach you about God's love for you?
6. Christians are promised hope for the future. Therefore, how should the church prepare today for eternity? How can Christians prepare both corporately and individually?
 - a. What would you expect to see in the life of someone who is eagerly waiting for Christ's return?
7. Explain, in your own words, how your salvation is a past, present, and future salvation.
8. What is God teaching you from His Word recently?
 - a. What are you doing to do about it?
 - b. What's your next step?

Easter Sunday - Discussion & Application

Read 1 Corinthians 15

1. Why are verses 3-8 so important?
2. From this passage, what does Paul say would be true if there were no resurrection of the dead? How does this shape your understanding of life now? Life after death?
3. How would you explain the importance of Christ's resurrection to an unbeliever?
4. When you hear the phrase "Christ died for your sins" - what impact does that have on you and your understanding of the gospel? How does the gospel affect your life on a daily basis?
5. What evidence can you offer that Christ is alive in your life? Is 2 Corinthians 5:17 true of you?
6. In light of the future resurrection and His second coming, how can you bring your life into greater alignment with God's Word and God's agenda for your life (time, talent, treasure, opportunities)?
7. Paul says "I die every day" (v.31-34) , referring to his willingness to sacrifice his present rights for the salvation of others (knowing he will be raised from the dead). In what ways do you "die every day"? How can you demonstrate the hope you have in Christ this coming week?
8. What is God teaching you from His Word recently?
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