

Easter

Pastor Ernest Smith – April 20th, 2025

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Open your group in prayer and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the questions provided or simply dive deeper into just one. If you only have a few minutes, you can just use the 3 Essential Questions.

Scriptures:

Luke 24: 1-8, Luke 9:23-25

Three Essential Questions

The following questions are intended to be open-ended and encourage members to consider how they felt and what they, or the group, can do as a result of hearing the message.

1. **What did you hear?** *What point in this message was most impactful for you?*
2. **What do you think?** *How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?*
3. **What will you do?** *How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?*

Message Points/Extra Questions

1. Why is the resurrection considered the cornerstone of the Christian faith?
2. **Who do you say Jesus is?**
 - a. This is an essential question for all of us to wrestle with, so how do you answer that question?
 - b. Explore the contrasting views of Jesus as a good teacher, good person, or truly who He claimed to be. How do these perspectives influence one's faith journey?
3. **How do you respond to Jesus?**
 - a. How can these questions shape our understanding of faith and our daily lives?
 - b. Reflect on Luke 9:23-25 and discuss what taking up the cross and following Jesus means in practical terms.
4. When have you had to make a choice between the throne and the cross in your own heart? How did that choice impact your life?