



Jesus is Greater Than All Other Efforts Leader Guide - April 12, 2020 - Easter Sunday

PRIMARY PASSAGE

The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. ² Otherwise, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. ³ But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins. ⁴ It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Hebrews 10:1-4, 19-25 NIV)

ICE BREAKER

What's the biggest mess you've ever made? How did you try to clean it up yourself?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1) Andrew shared that the Resurrection is the basis of our faith. Why is this the case? Why is it so important?

- The resurrection validates all that Jesus claimed - who He was and what He did
- If the resurrection happened, anything is possible
- The cross offers us forgiveness of sin, the resurrection offers us new life

2) All human efforts fall short of making us right with God. How have you tried to make yourself right with God in your own power? How does the Gospel confirm that only God can make us right with Him?

- Leaders - share your story with your group of how you've tried to work your way to God and earn His favor
- Only the One we've sinned against can reconcile us with Himself

3) Kevin shared that Jesus' great sacrifice lets us approach God with full assurance and total hope. What does this look like in your life?

- Leaders - share your personal story of how Jesus' work gives you assurance and hope
- In Jesus' death we have full and eternal access to the Father

4) We discussed on Sunday that we don't have to fear death because of what Jesus did. How does 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 give you hope in the midst of COVID-19?

- We don't have to fear death because the One we've placed our faith in has overcome death
- We have a promise of life even when facing death/destruction

5) Andrew shared that in the Cross Jesus says "DONE" but in the Resurrection, He says "COME." Have you ever come to Jesus in faith? Have you ever said YES to following Him?

- Leaders - share your story or ask someone in your group to share their story
- Make a clear ask/opportunity for those in your group to say YES to following Jesus (trust Christ) if they never have before

PERSONAL REFLECTION

1) How can you draw near to God this week? How can you press in, in order to press on?

- Encourage your group to get in the Word - join Chapel Bible Plan, teach them how to do a HEAR Journal, key in to Chapel Social Media where we share daily encouragement/steps to take, etc.
- Encourage your group members to engage in daily prayer and check-ins with other group members

2) People are searching for things to hope in during the COVID crisis. How can you share the hope you have in the resurrection of Jesus with those close to you this week?

- Encourage your group members to reach out to those in their sphere of influence
- Remind your group that the way they respond to our ever-changing/turbulent circumstances are always watched by others and can point them to Jesus