

The Easter Door

“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples *and Peter*, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’” - Mark 16:6,7

Jesus had told them all of this would happen (John 2:19; Matthew 12:40; 16:21)

His resurrection is irrefutable proof that Jesus was exactly who he said he was - G_____!

He was declared to be God's Son with great power *by* rising from the dead. Romans 1:14

Jesus wants you to be alive. F_____ alive! (John 10:10; Acts 5:20; Romans 6:14)

Man’s oldest problem is that by the choices we make, we build W_____ between us & God.

Your sins are the roadblock between you and your God. – Isaiah 59:2 (CEV)

The Good news of Easter is that our guilt, sins, mistakes and failures are no longer the final word about our lives. God through the D_____ and R_____ of His Son knocked down the wall and opened up for all of mankind the door back to Himself and life.

The Door Of F_____

Go, tell his disciples *and Peter*... - Mark 16:7

Jesus appeared *to Peter* and then to the 12. - 1 Corinthians 15:5

He was handed over to die *because of our sins*, and he was raised to life *to make us right with God*. Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God *because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us*. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this *grace in which we now stand*. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. - Romans 4:25-5:2 (NLT,NIV)

- He was handed over to die for what? *Because of our S_____*
- He was raised to life for what? *To make us R_____ with God*
- We have peace with God because of our own effort? *NO – because of what Jesus Christ our Lord H_____ D_____ for us.*
- Where do we now stand because of Christ? *In God’s amazing G_____*

The Door Of R_____

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, *he is a new creation*; the old has gone, the new has come!
– 2 Corinthians 5:17

For *we are God’s masterpiece*. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. – Ephesians 2:10

God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. *We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him.* – Romans 8:29 (Msg)

God wants you to be just like J_____. (*Does that truth blow you away or what?*)

All who claim me as their God will come, for *I have made them for my glory.* It is I who created them. - Isaiah 43:7 (NLT)

We all *show the Lord's glory*, and we are being changed to be *like him.* - 1 Corinthians 3:18

The Reason why you are here... You were created to bring G_____ to God.

Things are not what they seem. We are not what we seem. You are not what you think you are. There is a glory to your life that your Enemy fears, and he is hell-bent on destroying that glory before you act on it. This...will sound unbelievable at first; perhaps it will sound too good to be true; certainly, you will wonder if it is true for you. But once you begin to see with those eyes, once you have begun to know it is true from the bottom of your heart, it will change everything. The story of your life is the story of the long and brutal assault on your heart by the one who knows what you could be and fears it. – John Eldredge (Waking The Dead)

The Door Of H_____

John 14:1-6

I tell you, NOW is the time of God's favor, NOW is the day of salvation. - 2 Cor 6:2

Is there a door God wants you to walk through TODAY? Will you? (yes/no)

Talking Points (Going Deeper questions for Life Groups)

1. In Mark 16:7, the angel in the tomb tells the women who came to anoint the body of Jesus, "... go, tell his disciples and Peter, *'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'*" Why do you think the angel added those 2 words "and Peter"? How might that be of encouragement to us?
2. In the message we heard that there is more to the Resurrection than simply having our sins forgiven. What is that "more"? What does that mean for you?
3. Walking through the "Door of Hope" is about being able to tune into another game. What game did Jesus encourage His guys to tune into in John 14? Has there ever been a time when you walked through the Door of Hope? What were you going through? Did the reality of this "other game" give you hope?