

SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Happy Easter / Week 2

BEFORE GROUP

BOTTOM LINE

Easter means new life is possible.

SCRIPTURE

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 6:23 NLT).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students to know that sin leads to death in one way or another, but there is always hope for new life.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders, at this phase, high schoolers are developing a faith of their own, and often that will mean questioning what they've always been taught and why it matters. When talking about sin, it can be helpful to unpack not only how God deals with it but why it matters to Him at all. That's why this week is a great opportunity to remind students that sin always leads to the death of someone or something. And because God loves you, He always says "no" to things that will ultimately hurt you.

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here.

DURING GROUP

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you think about Easter and the Easter story, how is the way that we celebrate it (eggs, pastels, chocolate, etc.) not necessarily accurate?
2. What are some sins that most people think are a big deal? What are some sins that people think aren't a big deal?
3. Why is there so much baggage when people talk about sin?
4. We said earlier that sin always leads to the death of something. Obviously, sin won't always cause you to die, but what can sin cause the death of?
5. **For upperclassmen:** Have you already seen how sin has caused the death or end of something in your life? Would you be willing to share that? Or another way to phrase this question: Where have you already seen sin cause the death of something in your life?
6. **Don't miss this:** What are some areas in your life where you need new life?
7. If new life is always possible and Jesus has already paid for your sin, why does it matter if we sin? How does it benefit us to avoid sin? Or why would we want to? [Note: Small Group Leaders, try to tie the conversation back to this: Because God wants more for us, it's going to hurt us in one way or another.]

TRY THIS

Be observant of students that you may need to follow up with for faith decisions. See the salvation conversation guide.