



LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of March 31, 2024

1. What is your favorite cookie? Peanut butter? Chocolate chip? Macadamian nut? Or something else? Share your favorite cookie and why it's your #1 choice. Did you know that chocolate chip cookies actually require flour? Flour is the main ingredient that provides the cookie's structure—without it, there would be no cookie! In the same way, there would be NO CHRISTIANITY without the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
2. Open to John 20 and read verses 1-10 by reading around the group—each person reading one verse. What special comment of parenthesis does John the writer (he was also an eyewitness) make in verse 9?
3. What are some of the famous promises (predictions/prophesies) about Jesus from the Old Testament? If necessary, use your study Bible or do a Google search on your phone. What did God promise about the Messiah in Psalm 16:10?
4. Tell a story of a time you were falsely accused by someone. What happened? How did you feel? Were you punished or was your innocence confirmed? Read the following three accounts that confirmed Jesus' innocence on Good Friday: a) Luke 23:4 b) Luke 23:41 c) Luke 23:47. How was the resurrection a vindication of Jesus' innocence? (see Romans 6:23 and 1 Timothy 3:16).
5. Jesus said "*It is finished*" on the cross just before He died. How is the resurrection the confirmation that the payment Jesus made was received and accepted by God? (Romans 4:25) What does it mean to be "justified" before God?
6. Whether it's a wild roller-coaster or a towering waterslide, many people don't like to go first. What did Jesus do first on Easter Sunday and what does it mean for our eternity? (See 1 Corinthians 15:20-23).
7. We know that Jesus died for our sins. But what is it about the resurrection that also makes the gospel such "good news" for people like us? Is Christianity only about living here and now? (see Revelation 1:17-18; Hebrews 7:25). What else is at stake?
8. Look at the words that Peter shared in Acts 4:12. If this was the only Bible verse you had in front of you—how could you shape it into a 3-part gospel presentation for a non-Christian friend?
 - _____ is found in no one else but Jesus
 - For there is _____ under heaven given to mankind
 - We _____ be _____

Jesus' resurrection wasn't just nice, noble, or newsworthy— it was necessary.