

EASTER

weekend at riverside

Small Group Discussion
& Personal Guides



Small Group Discussion Guide

Not in a group? Come to GROUP Link April 30th or May 7th

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Ice Breaker: What was your favorite part of Easter Weekend @ Riverside?

1. In the opening scene, Peter is trying to quote the preamble of the Sermon on the Mount/Hill. He clearly is confused and really doesn't know what Jesus said or the meaning behind it. Have you felt that way at times about the Bible? Why or why not? Read Psalm 119:11 and 33-37. What steps are outlined in these verses? What benefits are there in studying God's Word?
2. In the next two scenes, the disciples witness two different miracles - 1) Jesus feeding the 5000, and 2) walking on the water. Read these accounts in John 6:1-14 and Matthew 14:22-33. How did Jesus test Philip? Why do you think Jesus had them collect the leftovers? What was the response of the people who were fed? What happened to Peter when he looked at the wind and waves? How did the disciples respond to Jesus when He got into the boat? What would it have been like to witness these events firsthand?
3. In the final scenes, we see the emotions of the disciples throughout the Last Supper, arrest of Jesus and Peter's denial. What questions did they ask? What doubts were expressed? How do you respond when you are disappointed? Do you blame God? Why is it hard to trust when we are in pain or afraid? The lyrics to the song "Tremble" state, "*Jesus you make the darkness tremble...you silence fear. Your name is a light that the shadows can't deny. Your name cannot be overcome.*" Read Philippians 2:9-18. What kind of power does Jesus' name yield? What must we do in order to "shine"?
4. Several Riversiders shared their story through video. Which one(s) were most striking to you? Why is that? Did you take time to read any of the triangles on the screen or in the gym? If so, what resonated with you? How do stories help us? How might you continue to share your story with others?

Personal Guide for Week of April 16th

DAY 1 - Read Hebrews 12:1-3. *What benefit is there in fixing our eyes on Jesus?*
(Watch "Look to the Son" video @ http://bit.ly/Look_2_Son)

DAY 2 - Read Isaiah 45:2-8. *What role does God play in our seeking Him?*
(Watch "Open Up the Heavens" video @ http://bit.ly/Open_Heavens)

DAY 3 - Read Hebrews 15:50-58. *How has Jesus been your victory?*
(Watch "My Victory" video @ <http://bit.ly/MyVictory>)

DAY 4 - Read Romans 6:5-11. *What power does death have over those in Christ?*
(Watch "Death Was Arrested" video @ <http://bit.ly/DeathArrested>)

DAY 5 - Read Psalm 57:7-11 & 108:1-5. *How does God's love awaken you?*
(Watch "Your Love Awakens Me" video @ <http://bit.ly/AwakensMe>)