

# Easter- Discussion Guide

## Connect

Main Idea: The world has so many questions, but what if what they're really asking is: what is love? Jesus is love. Jesus showed us what love really is when He died on the cross for our sins.

**Introduction:** This weekend was Easter, and Pastor Zac talked about Jesus and what He did for us. He reminded us of Jesus' definition of love and how Jesus loves us so much that He gave His life for us. As Christ followers, we should love people like Jesus loves us.

Discussion Starter: What did your family do for Easter this year?

### Grow

Primary Scripture: John 15:12-13, Philippians 2:3-11 and Mark 12:33-34

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. During the service, Pastor Zac asked Christ followers who had not been loving people well to repent, to turn away from their sin and turn towards God. Where in your life have you not been loving people well?
- 2. Read John 15:12-13 and Philippians 2:3-11. Jesus humbled Himself and put all of humanity before Himself, all because He loves us. What is one practical way that you can put the people in your life before yourself this week?
- 3. During Easter, most of us are intentional about focusing on Jesus. We're more motivated to talk about Jesus and invite people to church, but after Easter is over, sometimes, we get distracted. What are some steps you can take to stay focused on Jesus and His love and live like it's Easter every week?
- 4. Read Mark 12:33-34. This man and Jesus agreed on the greatest commandment, but this man still wasn't going to Heaven. He was "not far" from the Kingdom, not in the Kingdom. What is the difference in knowing about Jesus versus actually knowing Him?
- 5. Briefly share your story. How has God's love changed your life?

## Protect

Break into groups of 2-3 (same gender if a coed group) and spend some time in prayer thanking Jesus for what He did for us. Thank Him for His death and resurrection. Thank Him for salvation. Pray that He would help you to love the people around you with His love.