

Who Is This Man?

Savior

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As you engage in this discussion, follow the Spirit's leading and share your thoughts as you reflect on the message and the scriptures. Work through the discussion guide by reading Scripture and reflecting on a couple of questions and points from the message

Opening Question:

What is the best news you have ever received?

Read the following scriptures together:

1 Corinthians 15:1-6

*Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance...For **what I received I passed on to you as of first importance**: that **Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures**, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred...*

Scriptures referenced:

Luke 19:10, Romans 7:21-24

A FEW QUESTIONS TO PONDER DURING YOUR DISCUSSION:

- Was there something new you learned from this message?
- Was there anything from the message that challenged your thinking?
- What implications does this title for Jesus (Savior) have for your life?
- How did the message encourage you?

A FEW POINTS AND QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

Good news meant more than simply hearing something pleasing; it also meant good fortune. It was not only announcing what happened but enacting the implications. Because of the victory, we have been saved from enemies, and we are free. Gospel is the word the early church used to describe the life of Jesus. The gospel is first and primarily the foundation of the Christian faith. It's what we receive and then what we pass on to others. The core elements – Jesus died, was buried, and was raised from the dead. **This is good news! Talk about the implications of this good news and how you pass it on to others.**

The gospel is about Jesus and His kingship, but it has implications for us. And the implication is that because of the gospel, we can be saved. Jesus understood that His work was about saving people. Salvation is about being rescued from a dangerous life-threatening situation.

As modern Americans, we think we can figure things out ourselves. **Why do you think people struggle with the issue of salvation? is this a struggle that you have had? Have you had the opportunity to share your experiences and help walk someone else through a struggle?**

Paul says what I need to be saved from is not just out there, it's in me. The conflict in the world around us also lives in each of us. Death and hell are not threats, but descriptions of life and our destiny. Suffering, pain, isolation, despair, destruction, and death are real right now. There are hells on earth. Jesus has become the Christ. He has triumphed, and His victory gives Him all authority on heaven and earth, and like all good news, it has implications. We are invited to participate, to make this story our story, to find our place in God's new creation. **Do you believe God wants to partner with you in making things new? Talk about what this does, or may look like for you.**

CLOSING: PRAY FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR GROUP

Take time in your group to praise God for the good news! Give specific praises for how it has changed you.