

Cross Equals Love

Easter 2017



Ice Breaker Questions

- What was the high / low point of your past week?
- **If time allows:** [Ask a follow up question from the previous weeks study.]

Key Questions

- What's one idea from Sunday's message that really stood out to you? Why did this grab your attention?
- Ps Blake shared that, "Without a demonstration a declaration is empty." Jesus declared eternal life for all who believe in him. How did he demonstrate the power to fulfill that declaration? How is your changed life a miracle?
- Would you consider yourself "born again"? Why or why not? What does it mean to you to be born again? How would you describe being born again to a friend?

Optional Questions – *If needed, include one or more of these scriptures and questions to extend your conversation.*

- Resurrection Sunday is every Sunday! Share about your experience inviting people to Easter. What kind of responses did you get? How will you continue to keep your eyes open to opportunities to invite people?
- Ps Blake shared about his experience with religious pluralism in college. What stood out to you about his explanation of truth and the radical inclusivity of Christ? (**Reminder:** Ps Blake used the illustration of a sinking boat and single life raft to illustrate two possible responses to Jesus being, "The way, the Truth and The Life.")
- Nicodemus was a Pharisee. The Pharisees were ultimately the group the pushed for the crucifixion of Christ. Despite his background, Nicodemus sought Jesus personally and eventually went public with his faith in Jesus. What did your belief system look like prior to knowing God? Is there a part of Jesus' ministry that you had / have a hard time believing or comprehending?
- Read John 3:16 aloud. Why do you think this verse has become the most famous Bible verse?

Next Steps

- Summer Semester: Share with your group your plans between now and the start of the Summer Semester (June 4th).