



EASTER

AT LIFEPOINT

WEEK OF APRIL 9TH, 2023

EASTER IS ABOUT "THE ONE"

Speaker: Pastor Mike Burnette

ICEBREAKER



Growing up, how did you celebrate Easter? Then share which candy is the best Easter candy, hands down!

Introduction (Luke 24:1-34)

- How do you explain the significance of Easter to people? Friends, neighbors, your children, etc.? How does Luke 24:1-12 help?
- What did you learn about Jesus from the way He interacts with the two men on the way to Emmaus (v. 13-34)?
- This week's sermon centers around Luke 24:21, "...we had hoped that He was The One." The two men walking to Emmaus were Jesus fans, yet when Jesus Himself walked right up to them, they didn't even recognize Him! Do you ever find yourself too busy to recognize where Jesus is in your life? How do you refocus?

Everyone is Looking for "The One."

- Because God created everyone In His image and His likeness, we are hardwired with "Imago Dei" - the Image of God (See Genesis 1:27). What does that mean?
- Every person on earth is on a quest for truth, personal significance, meaning and purpose and the "one way" to get to God. In what ways have you seen people you know searching for their "one way"? Have you been bold enough to speak into that? If not, what holds you back?
- Additionally, we're all created with an internal compass to find "The One." In what ways have you tried to re-invent the way to God? What helped you figure out the right way?

Jesus Christ is "The One" You are Looking for.

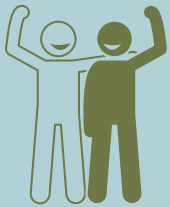
- In John 14:6, Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." What does this mean to you? How have you experienced this In your life?
- Pastor Mike shared his encounter with someone who asked why he believed that Jesus is the only way to God. How would you have answered that question?
- Have you ever been forced to choose between God's way or your way? What did you choose and why? What was the outcome?

WEEK OF APRIL 9TH, 2023
EASTER IS ABOUT "THE ONE"
Speaker: Pastor Mike Burnette

You are "The One" Jesus Looks For Now!

- Jesus went to the Cross with YOUR name on His mind. How does it make you feel to know that you're a part of the story of the Crucifixion of Jesus? Do you struggle with accepting this? Explain.
- What are some things that you have or that you do to remind you that God's presence is always with you?
- Think of the people in your life who struggle to accept the Lord. Why do you think that is? How can you encourage them to believe the truth?

ACT ON IT



ENCOURAGE

Because God created everyone on the planet in His image and likeness, we as humans are hardwired with an internal compass to find "The One." This is why we're constantly on the search for truth, meaning and significance in our lives. Everyone on earth is looking for their "one way," which ironically results in millions of ways being called the "one way." Why is that? The truth is, because we're created by God, we have holes in our lives that can only be filled by Him. But instead of seeking Him as we should, we seek what's immediate or what feels the best. God wants us to realize that nothing can do what He can do, and if we're seeking that from Him, there's only one way to do it. Jesus tells us Himself in John 14:6, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jesus is the only way to God! Through Jesus giving His life for us as a ransom for our sin, He made it possible for us to fill those God-sized holes. We just have to accept His gift of salvation. We have to accept, by faith, the one and only plan for our lives. Jesus did it all FOR YOU! The Crucifixion was FOR YOU! Jesus resurrected FOR YOU! YOU are the central part of the story. He died for YOUR SINS to be forgiven, because HE wants YOU to have eternal life - for FREE! Will you accept His free gift of salvation and follow Him?



Ask

- Where are you at with Jesus? Are you a fan or a follower?
- Have you been looking for “The One” using your own pathways?
- Is there anything making it difficult for you to see God’s presence in your life? Is there something you need to stop or start?
- Do you recognize that God is for you?
- How are you going to answer the next time someone around you asks, “Why do you believe that Jesus is “The One”?”



Challenge

Seek opportunities to share what Jesus looks like in your life this week. Look at how your redemption story fits into the resurrection and share your personal resurrection story with someone this week. What was life like before Christ? How is it different now? Look at how you connect with God right now. Think through what would make that relationship even stronger and do it! Be a resource and ask someone how you can help them share Jesus with others. Help your kids share why we celebrate Easter with their friends. If this is all new to you, find someone to talk with and ask questions. Go public with your declaration of Jesus as Lord of your life and be baptized.

PRAYER

Lord, thank You for the testimony of Easter! Thank You that it's not just one day that we celebrate, we get to live it out single day of our lives. We thank You for loving us so much that You sent Your son to give Himself as a ransom for what we deserve. Thank You for the Power of the Resurrection! Because of Your grace, we get to hear this Good News, and by faith, we receive it. God, we don't want to be too busy being Your fans that we miss out on the personal relationship we get to have with You. Draw us away from the ways of the world and draw us closer to You. Thank You Jesus for offering Your life to make it easy for us to come back to God. Thank You for redeeming our lives and making them purposeful again. Help us to see ourselves in the story of Crucifixion. All that You endured on the Cross, You did it with our names in your heart. God, thank You for loving us so much. We can't begin to wrap our minds around it, but help us to accept it. Help us to accept Your gift of salvation and in response, live a life fully devoted to following You. Give us wisdom, desire, boldness and perseverance to live the life You call us to live. Thank You for never leaving us. Thank You for all You have done for us. Amen.