

You Are Invited | Isaiah 53, 55
Sermon Discussion Questions
4/21/19

1. Take a moment and have the group share what a typical Easter is for them and their family. What traditions do they observe, what routines or practices do they engage in? Have them share why they do, or don't do, certain things.
2. Pastor Jim pointed out that for many people Easter is something observed more as a tradition than as something true. How have you observed this to be true in your own life, in the people around you?
3. The sermon centered on providing two reasons as to why the resurrection actually happened. The first one was a more objective one. Turn back to Isaiah 53 and take a moment to discuss what Pastor Jim said about this passage and how it points to a truly resurrected savior, Jesus.
4. The point was made that when we declare that Jesus is risen, we are affirming the fulfillment of prophecy. That Jesus indeed was resurrected as the prophecies said he would be. Now, this is not easy for everyone to accept. What are some common struggles we or others around have faced in regards to this fact? What are the questions we must all wrestle with?
5. Pastor Jim then provided a second reason as to why we believe Jesus' resurrection to be true. This one is more subjective. Look in your Bibles at Isaiah 55 and discuss what the second reason was. How do the words of Isaiah 55 support that reason?
6. Jesus' resurrection is not an event frozen in time, stuck in the past, it has current and real implications to our lives, right now. As you close, consider the invitation Jesus has made to you, consider what the words "He is risen" mean for your own life, your own journey. Take some time to praise God for what he has done, to intercede on behalf of those that have yet to heed His call and to ask for the Lord's guidance in the days to come.