

EASTER

Easter Discussion Questions

He is risen! What a glorious thing it is to be able to celebrate our risen Lord. The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus changed everything. The power of sin and death are overcome, and we who trust in Jesus look forward to the day when our own resurrection takes place. As the Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Jesus' resurrection is the "firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep." What happened to Jesus will happen to us. Hallelujah! He is risen indeed!

These questions are a break from the pattern we've been using, but have the same intent of helping you and your group reflect on, discuss, and apply Sunday's sermon.

MAIN TEXT: Acts 13:13-41

1. Paul's speech highlights God's promise made back during David's day that was fulfilled roughly 1,000 years later in Jesus (v. 23, 32-33). Think of some of God's promises in Scripture. What difference does it make for us that our God fulfills promises?
2. Paul refers to the leaders who "did not recognize [Jesus] nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath." If you're familiar with the Old Testament, what prophecies can you think of about the life and death of Jesus? (If you're stuck, consider Micah 5:2; Psalm 22:18; and Psalm 34:20.)
3. Paul mentions in verse 31 how "for many days [the risen Jesus] appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem" (see also 1 Cor 15:3-9). What impact does it have on your faith to know that over 500 people saw Jesus after He was resurrected?
4. Acts 13:39 talks about a freedom from trying harder. How does faith in Jesus accomplish this? See Galatians 3:10-14.
5. God was working in Christ's life, death and resurrection. How do you see God working in the world today? How about in His church today?
6. We sometimes focus on proving the resurrection*, which is worthwhile, but what does the resurrection itself prove? Do your best to back up your answers from Scripture.

* If you're not sure why we can have confidence that the resurrection really happened, consider consulting the guide located at calvarybible.com/acts.