

STUDY GUIDE: “Bad News Good News”

Discussion Starters

1. What do you think of when you think of Easter?
2. Do you believe most people in the U.S. understand what Easter is really about?

Study:

To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

3. Define the following words or terms.

--“understands” (Romans 3:11)—

--“seeks” (Romans 3:11)—

--“useless” (Romans 3:12)—

--“baptized” (Romans 6:3)—

--“preached” (1 Corinthians 15:1)—

--“pitied” (1 Corinthians 15:19)—

4. Choose one of the words you looked up above, and write how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.

5. Look up these passages and note

Romans 3:10-18

Romans 6:3-4

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

1 Corinthians 15:13-22

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6. In your own words, explain

--the bad news

--the good news

7. From this study, what does baptism tell us about the good news?

8. What does Paul mean by “asleep” in 1 Corinthians 15:18? What does this tell us about the good news?

9. From your study, why is the resurrection so important?

Taking It Home

9. On a scale of 1-10, how sure are you of the reality of the resurrection? Why/why not?

10. If you have any doubts about the reality of the resurrection, how can you resolve them?

11. How would you respond to someone who believes in Jesus’ resurrection, but doubts that s/he will be resurrected?