

Review:

Lesson 1: Good and Evil

Lesson 2: Losing Everything

Lesson 3: Curse God & Die

Lesson 4: Friends' Failures

Lesson 5: Hopelessness

Lesson 6: We Need a Mediator

Resurrection Hope

Job 13:15-16; 14:1-2, 14-17

Our experience with the brokenness of this world requires that we hold in tension both the terror of God's _____ and the terror of God's _____. Suffering is chaotic that way.

Discussion 1. Which "terror" is more difficult for you to feel: the prospect of God's absence or the prospect of God's presence. Why?

All of scripture paints a clear picture that this life is fleeting, like grass that withers and flowers that fade. It all references a kind of "breaking down" of this broken world, which in turn gives rise to a hope that there must be _____.

Discussion 2. Do you find the reality that this life is fleeting to be discouraging or encouraging? Explain why.

A resurrected Christ does more than just provide salvation...it provides _____ that there is a future--even an eternity--that will make the struggles and the pains of this world seem insignificant.

Discussion 3. Paul said, "If Christ was not resurrected, then our faith is useless." What do you think this means? Is Easter Sunday a bigger deal to Christ followers than other Sundays? Why or why not?

For Christ followers, Resurrection Sunday is a celebration of a restored intimacy with our creator, of God's protection over us, and of His forgiveness of our sins. The empty tomb covers a multitude of _____.

Discussion 4. As you ponder Jesus' resurrection, what are you most grateful for? What does it mean for you personally? How does it connect you more closely with God?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?