

Discussion Guide: What Does Easter Do?

Bottom Line: *Easter doesn't just change history—it changes you.*

Purpose:

This guide is designed to help people reflect on the message and have a meaningful conversation—whether they're exploring faith, new to it, or have been following Jesus for a while.

Getting Started (Light & Relational)

These questions are designed to get people talking and build connection.

1. What's your all-time favorite Easter tradition—silly or serious?
2. When you were growing up, what did Easter mean to you?
3. What do you think Easter means to most people today?

Explore the Tension

Start to unpack the ideas from the message without assuming where someone stands spiritually.

4. In the message, Chris asked: "*What does Easter actually do?*"
 - How would you have answered that question before hearing the message?
 - Did your perspective shift at all?
5. Chris talked about how "sin" means to *miss the mark*.
 - Is that definition different than what you've heard before?
 - Where do you see this idea (missing the mark) show up in everyday life?

Look at Scripture

Read these together and use them to guide the conversation.

Romans 5:8 (NLT)

“But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.”

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

6. What stands out to you from these verses?
7. How does it make you feel to think that God stepped in and did for us what we couldn't do for ourselves?

Make It Personal

Help the group apply the message personally and practically.

8. Chris asked, “*What are you still carrying that Jesus has already paid for?*”
 - Is there something that comes to mind for you?
 - What would it look like to begin letting that go?
9. How might your day-to-day life look different if you really believed Easter changes *you*, not just history?

Wrap-Up & Prayer Idea

Invite everyone to take 30 seconds of silence before closing—just to reflect on what they might be carrying.

Then pray something like this:

“God, thank you that Easter isn’t just a tradition—it’s a turning point. Help us see what we’re carrying. Help us trust that you’ve already paid for it. Teach us to walk in that freedom. Amen.”

Optional Next Step

Encourage your group to go to:

 beyondchurch.com.au/carry

Have them write down or submit what they’re still carrying—anonimously or not. It’s a step toward letting go.