



GOOD NEWS

Week 1

BREAKING THE ICE

What's your favorite part of Easter?

What's the best news you've ever heard?

MAIN CONTENT

Easter Sunday we celebrated the Good News, that Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead.

This week Pastor Kevin talked about having a seat at the table with God.

1. What is the best seat you ever had? (Maybe good seats at a concert or at a sporting event). What was your experience like with those seats?

We've all been given a seat. God has a seat for us at His table. A seat that keeps us in community with Him. Our seat is available for us when we receive the Good News of Jesus.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

This scripture is the Good News, the gospel of Christ. The realization that Jesus died, was buried and rose on the third day can become familiar in our lives. We don't want the gravity of that reality to become diminished.

2. How do you keep the gospel, Good News, at the forefront of your everyday life?

If we forget what Jesus did for us we can forget about the seat He has for us with Him in community here on earth and for eternity. Our sin can keep us from remembering the Good News of Jesus. Our sin can cause us to work our way to our seat.

3. How have you tried to work your way to the seat God has for you? (work your way into God's love and acceptance)

The Good News of God's seat for us is always available to us. We don't have to strive and we don't have to feel like giving up due to our inadequacies. We have a free seat to be in communion with Him. Jesus paid the price for us to be in communion with Him. He is the ultimate sacrifice for us.

4. Who has sacrificed something for you in your life? How did that sacrifice change your life? How does that sacrifice compare to the sacrifice Jesus made for you?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:5-8

There were over 500 people that saw the resurrected Savior Jesus. We can take their witness, choose to believe and trust their accounts of Jesus' resurrection. These eyewitness accounts tell us that He is risen. Just as Jesus had a seat for the disciples and people of His generation, He too has a seat for each one of us. His life, death and resurrection are Good News.

5. Who can you tell about the Good News of Christ?

6. How can you live your life reflecting the Good News of Jesus?

CLOSING PRAYER

God, thank you for sending your Son to be born, die and raise back to life for us. Thank you for closing the gap of separation so we can be in community with you in our lives and for eternity. Holy Spirit, help us remember we have a seat that has already been paid for and that we don't have to work our way to salvation. Thank you for loving us and for the Good News that transforms our lives. Help us be more like you. Amen.

ACTION STEP

+ If you or someone in your group recently made a choice to follow Jesus or you have never been baptized; we want to invite you to take the next step of making your decision public celebrating with a water baptism. Go to crosspoint.tv/baptism for more information and sign-up to be baptized on April 23.

+ Serve the City is just a few weeks away on April 29. As a group, choose a project where you can serve the community and walk out your faith and relationship with Jesus. Go to crosspoint.tv/local or [HERE](#) to sign up.