

Theme

Afterlife: A Series on Easter

THINK ABOUT THIS:

- A teen's view of God has been shaped by lots of different factors—what they see on social media or hear from other adults—and there isn't one consistent image. Most of us tend to see God as being more about rules rather than grace. In the two weeks after Easter, we're talking about what God is really like and that God is love. And that when we see God as a loving God first, our whole perspective on Him can change. We will also learn that we matter, just as Mary knew after she played an important role in the resurrection.

Week One
1 John 4:9-10 NIV, 1 John 4:16a NIV

Because of the resurrection, John knew God is love.

Week Two
John 20:11-19 NIV

Because of the resurrection, Mary knew she mattered.

REMEMBER THIS

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

John 3:16-17 NIV

Student Ministry

DAILY CUES



Morning Time

Every day, teens are faced with messages telling them they aren't good enough, smart enough, or capable enough; or make them question their worth or capabilities. But, we can be the safe place they will always hear messages of acceptance, belonging, and encouragement. One morning, share how they inspire you and share the potential you see in them. Don't underestimate the power this moment can have.



Meal Time

Dinner is a great time to ask your student about what their thoughts are about God may be. Try asking, then sharing your own thoughts: Who do they think God is, what do they think God is like, do they think God likes them? Make it conversational and not lesson-like! A willingness to share your own thoughts or questions will create an environment where your teen will feel safer to do the same.



Their Time

The next time your teen does something they shouldn't, try sharing a time when you messed up. Let them know you don't expect them to be perfect. Ask about why they may be struggling to do the right thing—not to shame, but staying curious. Try sharing that you want to help them become the best version of themselves. Remind them that you're a safe person to talk to and you love them.



Bed Time

Before going to bed, tell your teen one thing being their parent/guardian has taught you—how you may have changed or become a better person because of who your teenager is. It can be easy to default to messages of frustration and disappointment with our kids, but sharing ways your teenager has influenced you, helped you understand the world differently, or made you see God in a new way can be a powerful moment. Let them see how they have been a teacher to you in a way that maybe you never would have expected.