

Family Lenten Reading and Conversation



This week we will begin to wrap-up our journey through the book of John. If this series has been helpful to your family, consider choosing another book of the Bible to continue your family conversations. This week's conversation comes from John 20:1-23.

Challenge your children to go outside (or into the kitchen, or into the art room) and see how dirty they can get in 10 or 15 minutes. Assuming they are successful, bring them back together on the porch, or in the yard, or somewhere you can sit together. Read John 20:1-23, or read the story of the resurrection from a Bible storybook.

- Talk about how having sin in our hearts can be compared to being dirty on the outside. While we can wash our own clothes and take a bath, we can never clean our own hearts. Only Jesus can do that.
- Why did Mary go to the tomb that morning? What did she think had happened when she saw Jesus' body was gone?
- What was the disciples' response when they saw Jesus was gone? Why was it important for them to believe?
- Read Romans 10:9. Why is it important for us to believe? None of us are clean. Even though we might act like we are very, very good, all human beings need to have their sin forgiven by Christ. No matter how good we are, we can never be good enough to get to God.
- When Jesus appeared to the disciples, what things did He do that no regular person could have done? What things did He do that any other person could have done?
- Read John 15:5. What did Jesus say He is in this verse?

Jesus said He is the True Vine. We have our life through His Spirit. His Spirit connects us to Him and to each other, like branches of a vine. If He had not conquered sin and death and hell, we would have no hope of eternal life. That is why He had to come. That is why Easter is so important!

