

MAR 21st, 2021

PREPARATION
Luke 9:51

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2. See Luke 9:51. Preparation and _____ go hand-in-hand.

3. See Luke 9:22 (cf. Matt. 16:21-23; Mark 8:31-32); Luke 9:43-45 (cf. Matt. 17:22-23; Mark 9:30-32); Luke 18: 31-33 (Matt. 20:17-19; Mark 10:32-34)

4. _____ is at the heart of _____.

5. What has the Easter season and holiday typically meant to you?

Other ways to ask this:

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- Nowadays, how much does Easter (as a holiday or season) generally take up of your life and what does that look like (e.g., going to an Easter service, other Easter traditions, brunch with the family, etc.)?

We want to experience the _____.

Consider: What is a primary or consistent _____ for you?

Confess: Lord, I acknowledge that unless I intentionally lay it aside, _____ would distract me from your invitation to follow and prepare.

Commit: Lord, I commit to setting aside _____ and intentionally prepare my heart to celebrate your resurrection and gift of redemption.

TALK IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week can really help clarify the things that God is teaching you and let others learn from your experiences. Get with someone this week and talk about your answers to the following questions:

What thought from the message was most helpful to you?

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What does Easter mean to you?

What would it look like for this Easter season to be more intentionally devoted to preparing for what we celebrate on Resurrection Sunday?

What is a primary or consistent source of distraction for you – particularly as you think about the days leading up to Easter – that you can lay aside for at least the next week?

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