

Easter Sunday
"Fix Your Eyes on Jesus-Risen From the Dead!"
Heb. 13:20-21
April 8, 2012

1. The God of Peace has a plan.
2. The Son of God would die and then rise from the dead.
3. The Son of God would offer a new contract to the world.
4. The Son of God wants to help you right now!
 - To learn to do His will.
 - To rely on His power.
 - To please Him.

Application:

1. Have you ever put your trust in God's peace plan? Have you accepted His terms of the contract? (Humble yourself, repent, and surrender your life to Him)
2. Seek this week to fully trust in Him with every detail of your life, relying on His power each step of the way.

Bible Study Questions/ Discussion
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1. Share your thoughts concerning this past Easter celebration. What made the greatest impact? What helped you the most in worshipping the Lord?

2. Discuss the description of God in Heb. 13:20. (Also Rom. 15:33; 16:20; 2 Cor. 13:11; Phil. 4:9; I Thess. 5:23) What is God's "peace plan?" (Read Romans 5:1) What has He provided for His children? (2 Thess. 3:16) Share with one another what is keeping you from experiencing His peace in your life.

3. What did God accomplish through His Son? (Heb. 13:20) The early church had absolute confidence in the fact of the resurrection of Christ. (Review Acts 2:24, 32; 13:30; Col. 2:12) What difference does the resurrection of Christ make to the Christian faith? (I Cor. 15:17-23)

4. How does the book of Hebrews describe Jesus in 13:20? (Compare John 10:11,14; I Peter 5:4) What is the personal connection between the shepherd and the sheep? (Isa. 40:11) What was the good shepherd willing to do for us? (Col. 1:20) Describe the "new" covenant. (Lk. 22:20; Ezek. 37:26)

5. If we commit our lives to Christ, what help is available to us according to Heb. 13:21? (Also 2 Tim. 2:7) Where does our strength come from? (2 Cor. 3:5; I Peter 5:10; Phil. 4:13)

6. Instead of a list of "Do's and Don'ts," what is the guiding principle of our lives? (Heb. 13:21b) (I John 3:22) Discuss the three primary problems with the nation of Israel. (Deut. 29:4)

7. This Easter, renew your commitment to the new covenant of the risen Christ. Renew your commitment to please Him in His strength.