

**Easter
Study Questions**

Warm-up

1) What traditions do you keep for Easter?

What do you remember most from past Easter celebrations?

A little deeper

2) [Matthew 28:5-7] God gives each of us our own unique experiences with Him, and then invites us to share that experience with others, as was done in this passage. **How does God's method of revelation to individuals help to build everyone's faith?**

Adam and Eve saw God every day, but they were easily led astray by Satan. **How does faith strengthen our relationship with God and our relationships with one another?**

3) [Matthew 16:24-25; John 15:9-11] God has promised us life and joy, but the promise is not unconditional. **What would happen if we tried to create a joy-filled life for ourselves? What if everyone tried to do so? What must happen for us to have a joy-filled life?**

4) [John 6:37, 15:14-15] God has also promised us acceptance and friendship with Him. **What does our friendship with God look like?**

In what ways does God allow and encourage us to take initiative in our relationship with Him?

5) [Matthew 11:28-30; John 14:27] God has also promised us rest and peace. **What does it mean to find rest for one's soul, and peace for one's mind and heart?**

What *doesn't* this imply for one's body, mind, or heart?

Bringing it home

6) Do you have any expectations of your relationship with God that are out-of-line with His promises?

What would help bring your expectations closer to where they should be?

7) Are there aspects of your experiences with God that you haven't shared very much, but that might help strengthen the faith of others?

How might you go about sharing those experiences? Is there anything holding you back?