

# Youth Reflections: Easter



**Let's think about Easter this school holidays.**

**Date:** Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April

**Big Idea:** We can get excited about Jesus.

**Key Verse:** *"...all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen." | Psalm 27:8*

**Bible passages:** Matthew 5:12-16, Ephesians 5:8-14.

**You will need:**

- Your Bible
- Journal or blank paper
- Pens/Pencils/Highlighters
- A snack and/or drink

**How?**

1. Watch this video:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kuVJjc2cYPc&list=PLB5r2P47beqJmdfpmBamsYfd58QWQ0Y\\_V&index=2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kuVJjc2cYPc&list=PLB5r2P47beqJmdfpmBamsYfd58QWQ0Y_V&index=2)

2. Work your way through the questions to come.

You can answer these questions by writing them down in sentences or dot points, discussing them with a friend or family member, reflecting on them to yourself...there are no rules about how you engage with this content!

**REFLECT ON THE FOLLOWING:**

- Who are your favourite "world changers" (e.g., Gandhi, Greta Thunberg, Malala, Yousafzai, Emma Watson)?
  - What have they done? What have they done for you?
- What has Jesus done (beyond his death)?
  - What has he done for you?
  - How is Jesus different from all the other world changers we listed?

Jesus has inspired more world-changing movements than anyone else in history. But he doesn't just want to inspire or leave a legacy—he wants to know you and be with you!

## LET'S READ THE BIBLE

Remember, more time we spend with Jesus, our "light source", the brighter our own light will be!

- When have you felt most excited about or connected to Jesus, or sensed God's presence the most?
  - What's different about those times from the "everyday"?
- Look up and read Matthew 5:14-16.
  - Think about the concept that you are a bearer of light: the more excited about Jesus you are, the brighter the light. So, how bright is your light and why? Choose an example of light to answer this question, e.g. are you a small tea light candle – steady but small, or are you a firework – strong but over quickly? Be creative in your answer!
  - What does your light need to shine brighter?
  - Where do you need to shine your light today? This week? This month?
  - What does it look like for you to shine your light at school? What impact could you have there?
- Look up and read Ephesians 5:8-14.
  - You are a child of the light! What does it look like to live as a child of the light? Are you living like this? Why or why not?
  - What do you think you could be leaving in the darkness that Jesus wants to heal and bring into the light? Be honest with yourself. This could be a habit of pornography, knowing you gossip too much but continuing, feeling ashamed of your abilities etc.
  - Re-read verse 14. What does this mean for how you answered the last question?

A Canadian pastor once said, *"Do you want to follow Jesus? No, I mean really. I mean really, really. In real life? Do you want to follow Jesus...not just attend church? There is a difference."*

- What do you think about this? Do you want to follow Jesus "in real life"?
  - If so, what will it take? What do you need to do this morning or this week to make it happen or to take the next step with Jesus.

## **PRAY!**

- Spend some time praying to God and bringing your thoughts before Him.
  - You might like to write God a prayer letter, draw a mind map or picture, go for a prayer walk, listen to some worship music, or even pray silently to yourself.  
God hears us when we talk to him!
- Spend some time listening to His response and have a go at writing down what you think he may be saying.

*Remember, your leaders are always here to talk and pray with you if you need.*

*We love you and so does God!*

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