



Seasons: Week 4 — “Spring”

CONNECT: What is your idea of a great party? Think about who’s there, what you’re doing, what you’re eating, etc.

GROW:

1. Jon talked about how people enjoyed being with Jesus—He was a likable guy who frequently went to parties, feasted with friends, and was full of joy. Is that the way you see Jesus? Or have the pictures of floating, stoic Jesus with a halo impacted the way you view His nature?
 - a. What has influenced your view of Jesus (culture, images, scripture)?
 - b. Do you see His joy flowing through your life? Could you be accused of having “too much fun” like Jon said when he quoted Max Lucado?
 - c. As followers of Jesus, we should be the most joy-filled people in the room. If you don’t see yourself as a joyful person, what is holding you back?
2. Have someone read **1 Peter 1:3-9**.
 - a. What hope do you find in this scripture?
 - b. Based on what you just read, how should our lives look on a daily basis?
 - c. What changes do you need to make to live more like this?
3. Read **Revelation 19:7**. The hope we have in Jesus—and because of Easter Sunday—is that, at the end of this life, the Bride (the Church) still gets the Groom (Jesus).
 - a. That is the best news we could ever receive, but still, we know this life can be hard, and we are here to walk through hard things with each other. So how can our group be praying for you this week?
 - b. How can we help you rejoice and “sing” through the struggles of life?

PRAY: Spend time praying over the requests and celebrating together as well. We have so much to celebrate remembering what Jesus did for us.

NEXT: Live out being joyful, party-going followers of Jesus this week! Feel free to share ideas. If you would like to study more about this, read through the Gospels (specifically the book of Luke). The book *Beautiful Outlaw* by John Eldredge is also a great resource that looks at the life of Jesus and His very likable yet bold nature.