

WHY YOU AREN'T SLEEPING

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ICEBREAKER:

Take some time to get to know each other with some open sharing:

- Share any Easter traditions you had growing up.
- What does Easter mean to you?

INTRODUCTION:

In what areas of your life are you hopeful about the future?

What questions or issues keep you up at night?

How should someone respond/react to a world of uncertainty?

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. How do people find hope in an uncertain world?
2. As a group, make a list of things that you consider to be certain.
3. From 1 Peter 1:3-9, what does Peter consider to be certain?
4. How is your life affected now by the fact that your relationship with God and your spot in heaven are secure? (1 Peter 1:4-5)

5. According to Peter in 1 Peter 1:9, Christ followers are already receiving some of salvation's benefits. Brainstorm a list of these. Check out Ephesians 1 for a list. If you are really industrious, expand the list by using Ephesians 2-3 as well.

6. What can we learn from 1 Peter 1:6-9 as to how we should face personal trials in light of our relationship with Christ and the spiritual benefits He lavishes upon us?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

1. What specific attitude/action changes will you make in your life, based on the fact that your eternity is secure in heaven?
2. In light of the fact that you are already receiving some of the benefits of your salvation, how will you address worry and an uncertain future? (Be specific)

THINK ABOUT IT (Something to chew on)

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. 1 Peter 1:8-9 (TNIV)