

Mixtape

The soundtrack of your life

Discussion Notes

CONNECT TO EACH OTHER

1. What were Easter traditions like for you growing up? Was it a religious or secular holiday in your house?
2. What is your “walk-up” song?
3. Share an experience you’ve had where you didn’t recognize someone at first (maybe seeing a celebrity in public and not recognizing them, or running into a co-worker outside of the office and not immediately knowing who they are in an unfamiliar context).

CONNECT TO GOD

1. Can you recall a time in your life when God was trying to tell you something but you didn’t recognize His voice?
2. Pastor Schlie notes that the Sunday following Easter in modern churches is more low-key. He also points out that this is probably how the first Easter was celebrated. There was little fan-fare as most of His disciples and friends had not yet received word of His resurrection. **How does looking at the post-resurrection world in this way affect your view of the Easter story?**
3. The early Jesus-followers were hoping that Jesus would lead a victorious rebellion against the Romans. Instead, His ministry ended with Him hanging on a cross. **If you were one of Jesus’s disciples, what thoughts would be going through your head before you knew of His resurrection?**

MESSAGE APPLICATION

1. Is there a situation in your life in which you wish God would intervene? If He doesn’t answer your prayers in the way you want, can you make peace with the situation?
2. How has being a Christian (either as one who is new to the faith or life-long) affected how you view the world and its problems?
3. Romans 8:28 states that, **And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him and have been called according to his purpose.** How have you experienced that in your own life?

