The Seven Truths of Easter
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Focus On the cross Jesus provided total forgiveness and immediate paradise. Through Jesus, we will never be forsaken, we receive God's constant care, and we have full atonement. Jesus completely finished the work of salvation and is eternally committed to us when we commit our life to Him.

Fun What is your favorite book or who is your favorite author and why?

Review Key Scriptures: Luke 23:34–43; John 19:29–30

1. **Through Jesus we have total forgiveness and immediate paradise.**
   In Luke 23:34 Jesus asks the Father to forgive those who crucified Him. The greatest truth of the cross is that we can receive total and complete forgiveness, including the removal of all guilt and shame. We are justified before God, which means it is just as if I'd never sinned. We also receive the promise of living in heaven with eternal life because of Jesus.

2. **Through Jesus we will never be forsaken, and we receive constant care.**
   Hebrews 13:5 tells us that God will never leave us or forsake us. Jesus went to the cross so God would never reject us. We have been accepted based on Jesus' work on the cross. On the cross, Jesus showed care for His mother and demonstrated how He will constantly care for us too.

3. **Jesus provided full atonement, completely finished the work of salvation, and is eternally committed to us.**
   God's grace completely removes our sin as far as the east is from the west, so we can be joined together with Him. The atonement of Jesus enables us to be one with God. Jesus completely finished the work of salvation on the cross. When we commit our way to God, He makes an eternal commitment to us.

When we are born again, we are in the Father's hands, and no one is able to snatch us out of His hands!

Group Dynamics Idea This is a great time to reach out to neighbors, people in need, and the community. As a group, brainstorm how you can make a difference together. Pray and ask God to give you creative ideas. It could be as simple as asking people to join your group, or it could be an outreach your group does for the community. Whatever it is, be proactive about reaching out during this time.

Discuss

1. Read Luke 23:34–43. Why do you think Jesus prayed and asked God to forgive the very people hanging Him on the cross? What does this tell you about how thoroughly God forgives you for your sins?

2. Jesus promised us eternal life with Him in heaven. What do you think heaven will be like? What are you looking forward to the most about heaven?

3. Read Hebrews 13:5 and Psalm 37:25. How is it comforting to know God will never leave you or forsake you?

4. What are some ways you have seen God take care of you in your life?

5. Jesus' atonement makes us one with God. What do you think it means to be one with God?

6. The work of salvation is completely finished. Have you fully committed your life to God and accepted the free gift of eternal life? If not, take a moment now to pray and fully commit your life to Jesus.

Take Home

As we conclude, remember the following:

- Through Jesus, we have total forgiveness and immediate paradise.
- We are never forsaken, and we receive God's constant care.
- Jesus finished the work of full atonement and is eternally committed to us.

Prayer Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus to die on the cross for us. Thank You for providing complete and total forgiveness and making us one with You through Jesus' atonement for our sins. We fully commit our lives to You and receive eternal life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Never underestimate the power of encouragement. A simple text, call, message, or small word can make a big difference in someone's life. As a leader, remember you have the power to speak life over your group members. Be intentional about giving encouragement and speaking life to the people in your group.