

HILLSIDE STUDENTS

GREATER THAN | The Grave

LEADER TOOLS

REMINDERS: Take *ATTENDANCE!* Use the app & let us know who to add/remove!

GAME: 🎮👉 *PLAY Change Places If!* Form a big circle. The leader will start by saying “change places if...” with a prompt for the group (ex: change places if you’ve swam in the ocean). Anybody in your group who has done that will switch places with another person in the group. This is a great way for people in your group to get to know each other.

TOPIC OVERVIEW: Tonight, we want to look at an event that was greater than anything anyone has ever done or seen. We get to see how people thought that this event was unbelievable. But before we get to the greatest event of all time... Have you ever wondered: Why did Jesus have to Die? That is a serious question that you may have asked yourself. This week is a huge week for Christians. On Friday we celebrate Good Friday, the day that Jesus died on the cross for our sins. On Sunday, we celebrate Easter. We want to be clear: Jesus’ death on the cross was not just a way, but the **ONLY** way to Heaven.

DISCUSSION

ICE-BREAKERS:

- What’s your greatest irrational fear?
- What’s your favorite cereal?

MESSAGE DEBRIEF & BIBLE STUDY:

- What stood out to you from tonight?
- **RECAP:** Talk about the answers to the 3 main questions from tonight.
 - Why do we need a rescuer?
 - Why did Jesus have to die?
 - Why did Jesus have to come back to life?
- **Read John 3:16-** Why is it hard sometimes to appreciate what Jesus has done for us?
- **Read John 14:6-** Jesus is clear here. Why do people turn away from Jesus?
- How do these reasons fall short of what God invites us into?
- **Read Ephesians 2:8-9-** How can you respond to God’s gift this week and beyond?
- **LEADERS:** Encourage the group to talk to you or another leader if they made a commitment to Jesus tonight. Pray for your group!

READING PLAN

Join us as we read the New Testament in 6 months!

