



Is There More to Life than This?

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This Study Guide provides a summarised study with additional discussion questions based on the scriptures mentioned in the sermon.

Connect:

1. Why is Easter significant?
2. Read [1 Corinthians 15:3-8](#)
 - Jesus appeared many times after resurrection (+10 events recorded)
 - The resurrection is recorded in all 4 gospels (separate writers) and attested by many people who would have seen him and known these writers.

Engage:

3. Why is the resurrection central to Christian faith?
4. Read and discuss [John 20:26-29](#)
5. What areas in life make faith in God difficult for you?
6. [Click here to watch "Where do you go when you have big life questions?" video](#)

"I wish that everyone could get rich and famous and have everything they ever dreamed of, so that they would know that's NOT the answer."

Jim Carrey

7. What areas of your life have come up short?
8. Do you feel like something is missing?

"Drugs and alcohol are NOT my problem; reality is my problem.
Drugs and alcohol are my solution to fill up a hole inside me."

Russell Brand

9. Read [John 6:35](#)
 - In other words, Jesus said – I am the one who fulfils the longing that's deep inside every human heart.
 - Jesus claimed to be the one person who can satisfy that spiritual hunger.

“You can have everything in the world – and still be the loneliest man, and that’s the most bitter type of loneliness. Success has brought me world idolisation and millions of pounds, but it’s prevented me from having the one thing we all need, a loving, ongoing relationship.”

Freddy Mercury

10. Read [John 14:5-6](#)

11. [Click to watch “What makes you happy?” video](#)

Framework:

12. Is Jesus really the Truth?

- If Christianity is true it’s of vital importance for us ALL.
- If it’s not true, we are all deluded.

“Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.”

C.S Lewis

13. Why should we examine the evidence?

- There’s so much evidence for the Life, death and resurrection of Jesus, we must take time to consider the truth.

14. [Click to watch “Examine the Evidence” video](#)

15. Read [John 10:10](#)

- Hebrew understanding of Truth is “Truth that is experienced...”
- Head and Heart - not just evidence, but a real relationship.
- Jesus came to deal with the things that STOP us enjoying life.
- To remove the things that SPOIL our lives!
- Restore lasting meaning and purpose.

16. What examples do you have of how Jesus and His teachings make a difference?

17. [Click to watch “Bear Grylls – Living Life” video](#)

18. What big questions of life do you have (and would want to ask?)

19. What is the message of Easter?

- The message of Easter is to Reveal God’s loves to you!
- God came in the person of His son Jesus Christ. To die for you and for me. And on the cross, He took all of your guilt and all my guilt, all that you have ever done wrong and I have done wrong. All that we have ever said, thought and done. He died in our place, in order that we could be forgiven.

“Forgiveness is like a recording of our life wiped completely clean.”

C.S Lewis

- When we receive forgiveness, we find life and life in all its fullness.
- That's what Jesus wants for you - Life at its very best.
- He is the Way, the Truth and the Life, true fulfilment.

Conclusion:

1. Return to trusting in Jesus fully this Easter
2. Start a journey: [Explore Faith and Life's BIG Questions with Alpha](#)

