

JESUS- YOUR KEY TO A MEANINGFUL LIFE

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INTRO:

1. The **meaning** of the Everlasting Father (Isaiah 9:2,6)
2. The **mission** of the Messiah
 - To restore man's **glory** (Psalm 8:5)
 - To restore man's **honor** (Psalm 8:5)
 - To restore man's **responsibility** (Psalm 8:6)

A. THE INCARNATION OF JESUS CHRIST HONORS MAN

1. Jesus honored man by **dwelling** with us (John 1:1-2, 14, 4:4-6)
2. Jesus honored man by **delivering** us (John 3:16-17; 4:13-14)

B. THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS CHRIST VALUES MAN

1. Jesus valued man by addressing the **urgency** (Luke 23:43a)
2. Jesus valued man by knowing his **identity** (Luke 23:43b)
3. Jesus valued man by guaranteeing his **destiny** (Luke 23:43c)

C. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST GIVES US THE PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH HIM

1. Jesus **entrusts** His work to us (John 14:12-14; 21:15-17)
2. Jesus **empowers** us with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8)

CONCLUSION

TABLETALK QUESTIONS

The **Table Talk Questions** are not meant to replace the **Bible Engagement Project** series in the Life Group. These questions are intended for those who are not using BEP or wish to add more in-depth study of the sermon either in individual or small group use. May God bless you deeper in the study of His word.

1. Psalm 8 is a very powerful song about God's love to us. In what way has sin marred our identity as God's image bearers? In what way this psalm explains God's pursuit to restore us again?
2. The incarnation of Christ honors man. In John 1:1-2 and verse 14, we will find the eternal God dwelling with us. The Greek word dwelling is *skeenaō* and it means to pitch a tent with us. How might this term be understood today? How does this verse powerfully demonstrate the character of God?
3. Read Luke 23:39-43. This passage explains the power of Jesus' crucifixion. Parsing the verse 43, how does each word mean to all of us?
 - "Today"
 - "You will be with Me"
 - "In Paradise"
4. Read John 14:12-14 and John 21:15-17. Despite our shortcomings, in what way Jesus still entrusted His work to us today? How does this verse powerfully demonstrate the character of God?
5. The Samaritan woman, the thief on the cross and the Apostle John are a few examples of people whom Jesus changed and brought them to a place of honor, glory and restoration. In what way Jesus brought you in the same place as well?