

## IMPACT GROUPS

Week #3: Apr. 23 - Apr. 26, 2019

### "The Jesus Trip"

Sermon Date: Apr. 20/21, 2019

#### Link to sermon:

<http://www.impactlondon.ca/livestreamarchives/>

#### Link to weekly reading guide:

<http://www.impactlondon.ca/the-jesus-trip/>

#### Ice Breaker:

If you had to pick a theme song for your life what would it be?

#### Interesting Facts:

Crucifixion as a way to execute criminals is said to have been invented by the Persians around 300-400BC, being later adopted and developed by the Romans as a way to execute criminals. Suffocation was the most common cause of death for those crucified.

We celebrate Jesus as the One who was raised from the dead on Easter. Interestingly, Jesus wasn't the only one who was raised that morning. Matthew 27:52-53 "and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after *his* resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many."

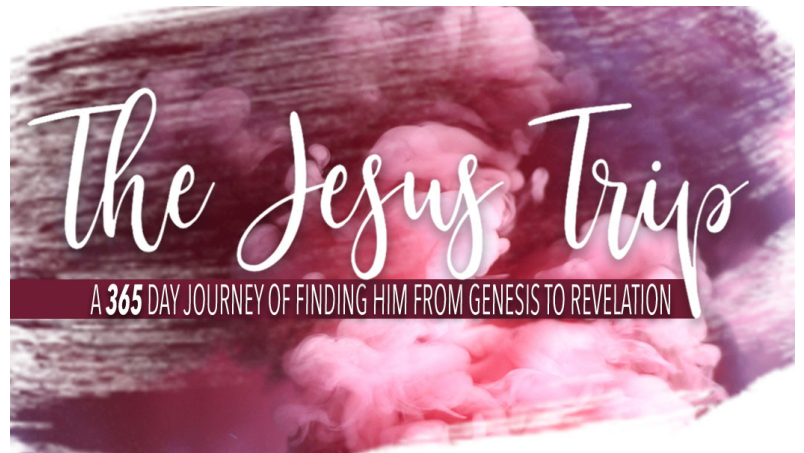
**Fun fact:** These are American facts but... **(1.)** Americans spend \$1.9 billion / year on Easter candy **(2.)** 70% of Easter candy purchased is chocolate **(3.)** Most importantly, 76% of Americans believe that the ears are the first part of the Easter bunny that should be eaten.<sup>1</sup>

#### Discussion Questions

1. What do you or your family do to celebrate Easter? Do you have a family tradition, favourite meal, a favourite place to gather? What memories, emotions, and thoughts does Easter invoke in you?

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.dosomething.org/us/facts/11-facts-about-easter>.



2. Discuss why the cross and the resurrection of Jesus are so foundational to our faith?
3. On Good Friday we celebrated communion. How does the Lord's table cover our brokenness and remove our shame? (Consider David and Mephibosheth - 2 Sam. 4:4 & 2 Sam 9:1-13).
4. "A clear understanding of the events of Easter will result in great power to live today." With this in mind, what happened *before Easter* (John 14:1-3, 23, 25-30. 16:16-22), *during Easter* (John 20:1, 11-22, Matt. 27:51-53, Eph. 4:9-10, and Ps. 24:7-10), and *after Easter* (Mark 16:19-20)?
5. How does understanding each of these events result in "great power to live today?" Or, how do these events affect our day-to-day lives?
6. Easter is about God making a way for us to have fellowship with him in a way that was never available before. David had that same heart to have unhindered fellowship with God. What was so significant and "ahead of his time" about the "Tabernacle of David?"
7. What did David learn about carrying the presence of God through Uzzah's death?
8. Why was bringing the Ark back such a high priority for David? How do we prioritize and honour the presence of the Lord on this side of Easter?
9. When Obed-Edom simply opened his door and welcomed the presence of God he was blessed. What does it mean for us here and now, practically speaking, to simply open our doors and welcome the presence of God? In what ways was Obed-Edom blessed and how are we blessed when we do the same?

### **What's Going on At Impact Church**

- \* Sip Swap Snack - Sat. Apr. 27 at 10am. Tickets \$5.00ea.
- \* Young Adults Dinner and a Movie at the church - Apr. 28 at 6pm.
- \* Impact Splash - Sat. June 15th, 11am @ Fanshawe Conservation Area.

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