



Preparing for the Big Game | March 23, 2016

Discussion Guide

The Scoop

Crowds cheer, we tailgate, we gather, and fans dress for the occasion...our lives revolve around “The Big Game.” Our conversations are dedicated to who is playing and who won. The reality is that our faith has a big game, too. Holy week is like the Christian version of March Madness and Easter is “The Big Game.”

Key Verse

Luke 24:6 (NLT)

He isn't here! He is risen from the dead!

Discussion

It's fair to say that the majority of us cannot name the winners of the last 5 Super Bowls or the last 5 NCAA National Champs. However, it is a very important part of our culture, our conversations, and our gatherings. There is nothing wrong with watching sports, but what if we could take this normal cultural activity and map it onto our faith?

1. What is your favorite sport and favorite team?
2. What is the best sporting event or party you have ever attended?

The coolest part about sporting events is that it brings us together. Even rivals come together in the same place to root for their team. Just before his death, Jesus pulled his closest friends together to hang out. In this time together he took a basic everyday thing and gave it significance...Communion.

3. In what ways can you take your normal everyday life and include God in it?
4. How do you typically celebrate Easter or your faith in general?

Easter is the “big game” for Christ-followers. Everything in the biblical narrative points to this culmination of events. Although we cannot remember who won the last championship, we know that Jesus wins the “big game” each and every year. We celebrate the fact that only one person—one God—has defeated death!

5. How does Easter affect your overall spiritual life? How does Easter actually affect your daily life?

What's Next?

This year consider how you can prepare for the “big game.” Does this year include more friends, more conversations, more meals? Who can you invite to your party? Although you already know who wins, we can reflect on it each year like we do the Miracle on Ice. In regard to communion, Jesus asked us to “do this in remembrance of him.”

Read 1 Corinthians 10:31 (NLT)

So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.