

# Digging Deeper: Easter at Northland

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## THE MAIN THEME

Easter is not just something we celebrate—it is something we respond to. The resurrection of Jesus changes everything: it proves His victory over sin and death, reveals His authority, and invites us into new life. The question is not whether the resurrection happened, but how we will respond to it. Every person is invited to move from curiosity to belief, from belief to surrender, and from surrender to a life transformed by Jesus.

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## VERSE OF THE WEEK

Romans 10:9

“If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

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## WHAT NOT TO MISS

### 1. The Resurrection Demands a Response

Easter is not just information—it calls for transformation. We are invited to respond personally to what Jesus has done.

### 2. Jesus Defeated Sin and Death

The resurrection confirms that Jesus has power over sin, shame, and death. Hope is now available to all who believe.

### 3. Belief Begins in the Heart

Faith is more than knowing facts—it is trusting Jesus fully and personally.

### 4. Surrender Leads to New Life

Following Jesus means giving Him control. True life begins when we stop holding on and start trusting Him.

### 5. Our Response Becomes Our Witness

When we respond to Jesus, our lives begin to reflect His power and grace to others.

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## LIFE APPLICATION

Ask yourself this week:

How am I responding to the resurrection of Jesus?

It's possible to celebrate Easter without ever responding to it. Jesus invites you not just to admire Him—but to follow Him. Your response today shapes your eternity and your everyday life.

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## DAILY DEVOTIONAL

### MONDAY — The Empty Tomb

Read: Matthew 28:5–6

Reflect: Jesus is risen—just as He said.

Pray: “Help me believe in the truth of Your resurrection.”

### TUESDAY — From Doubt to Belief

Read: John 20:24–29

Reflect: Jesus meets us even in our doubts.

Pray: “Strengthen my faith where I struggle to believe.”

### WEDNESDAY — Confessing Jesus as Lord

Read: Romans 10:9–10

Reflect: Salvation comes through belief and confession.

Pray: “I choose to trust and follow You, Jesus.”

### THURSDAY — New Life in Christ

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Reflect: In Christ, we are made new.

Pray: “Transform my life from the inside out.”

### FRIDAY — Living the Resurrection

Read: Romans 6:4

Reflect: We are called to walk in a new life.

Pray: “Help me live out the power of Your resurrection.”

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## FACILITATOR TIPS

- Ask: “*What does it mean to truly respond to Easter?*”
- Encourage honesty about belief, doubt, and surrender.
- Emphasize that salvation is personal, not inherited.
- Create space for people to express faith decisions.

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## THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Take one step in response to Jesus:

- Surrender your life to Him for the first time
- Recommit your faith
- Share your story with someone
- Invite someone to take their next step

Then follow through.

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## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why does the resurrection require a response?
  2. What does it mean to believe "in your heart"?
  3. What keeps people from fully surrendering to Jesus?
  4. How does the resurrection change how we live today?
  5. What does "new life" look like practically?
  6. How can we help others respond to Jesus?
  7. What step is God asking you to take right now?
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## PRAYER POINTS

### CONNECT

Thank God for the gift of salvation through Jesus.

### CARE

Pray for those who have not yet responded to the gospel.

### CULTIVATE

Ask God to deepen your faith and surrender.

### COMMISSION

Pray that your life would reflect the power of the resurrection.

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## CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, thank You for the resurrection of Jesus. Thank You for victory over sin and death. Help us not just to celebrate Easter, but to respond to it. Lead us into deeper faith, full surrender, and transformed lives. Use us to share this hope with others. Amen.