



# THE CROWN

EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31

**Jesus died; His intention is that we follow.**

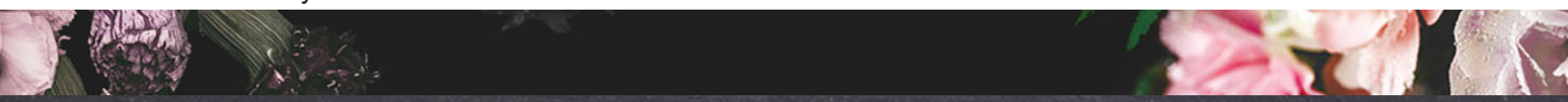
Work through the following questions and scriptures on your own, and get together with your running partner, life group, or friends and family to talk through what you are learning.


## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is something that you hope is true about you? How have you aligned your life to make that a reality. (i.e. I want to be a great daughter. In order to do that, I go visit my parents every other month and call them weekly.)?
2. Read **John 18:33-37**.  
Make some observations about this passage (What does the text say?):
  - What do you notice and what are you curious about?Make some interpretations (What does the passage mean?)
  - What do you learn about humanity?
  - What do you learn about God?Now make some applications (what's my response?)
  - How are you encouraged, challenged, or convicted by this passage?
  - What should be our response to this passage?
3. Read **Numbers 23:19**. Do you believe what God says? In what ways do you struggle to believe God or His character?
4. Is Jesus the King of your life? If so, in what ways do you live out Jesus being the King? In what ways do you act as the King of your life?
5. Read **John 14:6**. Jesus said this about himself. Do you believe this? If so, how has this reality changed your life? If not, what holds you back?

## KEY SCRIPTURE

**John 18:33-37** “Are you the king of the Jews?” “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?” “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?” Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.” “You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”





**Numbers 23:19** God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?

**John 14:6** “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

## PRAYER

Adoration: This kind of prayer is defined as praising God for who God is. We praise the nature of God reminding ourselves that God the Father is the source of life and that Jesus is the King and the one who redeemed us from our sin and brokenness, and the Holy Spirit is our encourager and the one who empowers us to be transformed into a new creation. Today, spend some time in adoration of God. You can simply say the names for God and thank him, or give specific praises for His character and what He has done in your life.

## TAKE A NEXT STEP

1. Have you made a decision to give your life to Christ? It's the great exchange: Our sin and shame for His forgiveness and freedom! If not, what is holding you back? Spend some time this week wrestling with this question and then open your heart up and ask God meet you in your questions.
2. Take a step into community! In the next 6 weeks we have SO many ways for you to take a step into community. Go on our Events page and connect in an opportunity to : Grow in your marriage, explore what the Bible says about Singleness, attend a Women's or Men's event, connect with others in their 20/30s or 40/50s at a social event. [gatewaychurch.com/events](http://gatewaychurch.com/events)

## FOR THE PARENTS

Hey, families! Here's a look at what we're covering with your kids so you can help them continue to grow at home during the week.

### THIS WEEK

This week we will be learning about how Jesus wants us to remember His sacrifice for us.

**THE BIBLE:** “He is not here; He is risen, just as He said.” (Matthew 28:6)

**THE MESSAGE:** Today we saw that Jesus is more powerful than death. When Jesus paid the price for our sins by dying on the cross, He defeated both sin and death. We can live free from sin, as friends of God, because Jesus died and rose again. Have any of you made the choice to receive Jesus as your Savior? Do any of you want to ask Jesus to be the leader of your life today? Let's pray together if you're ready to make that choice.

**THE BIG IDEA: The Good News Is For Everyone!**





### **ASK THIS**

Because sometimes you and your kid need a conversation-starter that isn't, "So . . . how was church?"

- Do you believe that Jesus became alive again on the third day?
- How can you make Easter and the story of Jesus' death and resurrection more personal to you?

### **REMEMBER THIS**

Because God is perfect and we are not, there is separation between us and Him. God doesn't want to be far from us, so He sent His one and only Son to die on the cross to pay for ALL of our sins. Now our sin doesn't separate us from God! If we believe in Jesus, we can have a close personal relationship with our Heavenly Father and His Spirit will live inside us. Even though we will physically die at the end of our lives, our souls will live forever with God in heaven.

### **NEXT WEEK**

Next week we we start a new series called "Tell Me A Story", where we look at different parables that Jesus told!

