

Discussion Guide: Easter Message

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42 (NIV)

April 20, 2003: "Easter Message" by Pastor Kimber Kauffman, Senior Pastor College Park Church. Pastor made it clear at the beginning that he was going to try to convert those who have not believed in the gospel. He said that he was not going to make an emotional altar call, but wanted to persuade us using reason and an appeal to our minds.

During the sermon he gave numerous examples and stories of those who by faith received Christ into their lives. From those who receive Christ in early childhood to those who received Christ when near the end of their lives, all have peace with God because of Christ.

Pastor discussed The Apostles Creed and how it summarizes the essential elements of our faith and how we can have eternal life by placing our faith in Jesus. Continuing from there he described why Jesus came to earth (1 Timothy 1:15) and the purpose of his resurrection (Romans 4:25). Pastor then moved to the practical application of living our life for God using the parable of the rich fool found in the gospel of Luke as an illustration.

Discussion Questions

Have you believed the gospel message and asked Christ into your life? If you have not, we encourage you to consider doing so.

If you have accepted Christ, you have passed from death into eternal life and are somewhere along a journey of being a babe in Christ to being a mature Christian that lives a life that is worthy of his/her calling. As you review Luke 12:13:21 what characteristics and/or behaviors would you feel were indicative of one who is moving toward maturity in Christ.

As the pastor boldly presented the gospel message, we are encouraged in the scriptures (in Philemon 1:6) to be active in sharing our faith in Christ as we travel along this journey. What has been your experience in doing so?

Were you more active in sharing your faith at the beginning of your journey than you are now? What's keeping you from being more active in doing so today?

When sharing your faith with others, what approaches have you found to be effective?

What might we do to encourage one another in sharing our faith with others?