Easter Sunday Listening Guide

The resurrection of Jesus challenges us to step out of the periphery and into the center of God's story.

1) Nicodemus was a Pharisee

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council.

John 3:1

2) Nicodemus encountered Jesus

He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

John 3:2

3) Nicodemus was changed

Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs.

John 19:39-40

Whoever lives by the truth comes into the light...
John 3:21

For personal reflection or group discussion

Consider:

- Did your family have any Easter traditions?

- What struck you from today's message?

Study:

Romans 12:1-2	Ephesians 4:22-24
2 Corinthians 3:18	2 Corinthians 5:17

Share:

- Read John 3:1-16, what stood out to you from this encounter between Jesus and Nicodemus?

- Jesus says that being right with God isn't about our behavior. What do you think of that?

- Read John 19:38-42, what's different about Nicodemus in this story?

Reflect:

- How has your life been transformed because of Christ? What is your cardboard testimony? Are you sharing your story with others?

- How do you know if you're right with God?

- Where are the places you're sitting on the sidelines and where have you been called into a greater engagement? Make a plan to add one intentional way of opening yourself up to God's transformative power this week.

Pray:

Lord, thank you that you are alive! You are stronger than death! Lead me out of the shadows and into the light. Transform me into what you want for my life. Help me to step into the center of your plan. Thank you for saving me through our Lord Jesus.