



REFLECTION / DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Pick a few questions from below and reflect this week, or choose 4-5 to discuss in your home group.

- During the Saturday seasons in your life, are you more likely to feel God's presence or his absence?
- What are some positive outcomes you have observed from times of uncertainty and doubt?
- Is your current season more like a Friday, Saturday or Sunday experience?
- Are you more likely to be hopeful or pessimistic during trials? How has someone been encouraging to you during your low times?
- How can the church do a better job of providing hope to the world today? What could you do?
- What is your definition of hope? How do you distinguish between hope and optimism?
- Read Colossians 1:5 & 23. How is the gospel our hope? Does that just apply to eternity or does it have any application to life here, today?
- Spend time as a group praying for those you know who are in a Saturday season.



THINK ABOUT IT

Three Days of Easter: *Saturday*

OVERVIEW

If Friday was fear for the disciple's lives, great sorrow and grief for their friend – then Saturday was wandering aimlessly and the loss of everything they had hoped in. Friday is the death of a loved one; Saturday is the eternal “firsts” of living without them. Friday is the doctor saying you have cancer; Saturday is chemo, radiation, nausea and wondering if they got it all. Friday is the pink slip in your inbox; Saturday is hundreds of resumes sent and thousands of email checks, hoping for a response.

We all experience days like Friday, and we all experience seasons like Saturday. Saturdays are long waiting periods filled with uncertainty and doubt. God's voice seems silent and his works seem absent. It's only the hope found in Christ that can see us through.

Is it Friday or Saturday on your calendar right now?

SERMON OUTLINE & REFERENCES

The Three Days of Easter: *Saturday*

Saturday is the hardest day of all:

- **Saturday is long waiting.**
- **Saturday is uncertainty & silence.** Matt 27:56-66; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-53; John 19:38-42
- **Saturday is doubt.** Deut 31:6; Matt 28:20

But Hope is the partner to Saturday: 1 Cor 13:13

- **Waiting & hope.** Ps 33:20
- **Uncertainty & hope.** Ps 130:5; Isa 8:17
- **Doubt & hope.** Job 6:11, 13:15; Ps 31:24, 38:15; Heb 11:1
Misc: John 12:24; Col 1:5, 23