

# The Easter Experience

## Week 4: My life has a plan

### Discussion:

1. How has your life been different from what you expected?
2. What do people usually expect in life?
  - What don't they expect?
  - What leads people to expect life to be fairly smooth and easy?
3. Do you see any difference in what believers in Jesus expect in life and what nonbelievers expect?
4. The most common reason people turn their backs on God is because He doesn't do something they expect He should, such as heal their best friend or stop the bus accident that killed their daughter. What can we expect from God?
5. If God will let His own son not only die but also suffer horrifically, what does that imply about our lives?
6. Read each of these scriptures below. Have you ever seen these verses on a plaque or greeting card, or have you ever personally tried to memorize them?
  - i. Matthew 7:7-8
  - ii. Matthew 6:33
  - iii. John 10:10
  - iv. 1 Peter 4:12-13
  - v. Romans 8:17
  - vi. Philippians 1:29
  - Why don't we put verses like these last three on plaques or memorize them?
  - Would it be good for us to do so?

### Reflection:

- Read these three New Testament passages every day this week, first asking Jesus to open your eyes to what He wants you to see. Circle, underline, or write in the margins whatever words, phrases, or thoughts stand out.
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  - Philippians 1:29