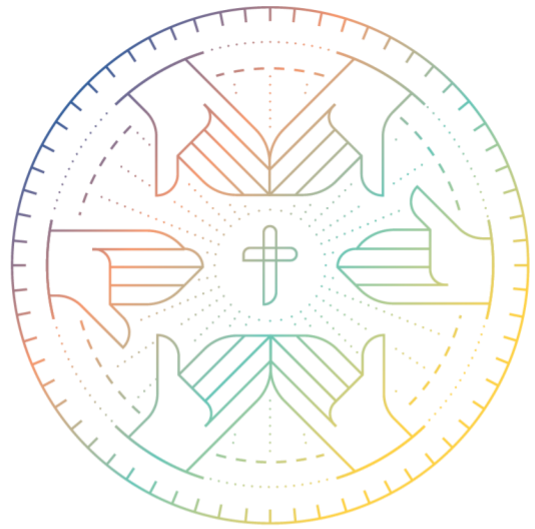


Group Life.

W E A R E B E T T E R T O G E T H E R



MEETING AGENDA

WELCOME (10 MINUTES)

This week we celebrated the Easter story of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection! Between Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday, we went from darkness to light, from mourning to rejoicing. In our Easter services, we talked about how God relentlessly pursues each one of us no matter what we are going through in our lives.

- Please don't forget to take attendance via the attendance reminder email. It's so important!

ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

What is one fond memory of an Easter celebration either growing up or one you have celebrated recently?

OR

What was your favorite moment from either our Maundy Thursday or Easter weekend services?

INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

What was one idea from Pastor David's Easter message that particularly stood out to you? Share that with the group.

David said that God relentlessly pursues each one of us. How does that make you feel? What emotion does that inspire within you?

INTO THE WORD (25 MINUTES)

1. Read John 20:1-8.

It appears from the passage that the disciple, John, was hesitant or afraid to go into the empty tomb. Why do you think he was hesitant? What changes for John between v.5 and v.8? What do you think caused the change?

2. Read Daniel 12:1-2.

This passage from the Old Testament, along with many others, points to the resurrection of Jesus. The disciples were slow to understand and believe that Jesus would overcome death. Is there any aspect of the Easter story that's hard for you to understand and believe? Any aspect that seems confusing to you? Why are so many people today unbelievers?

3. Read Psalm 14:2, Psalm 63:1 and James 4:8.

What do these verses teach us about seeking God?

APPLICATION (25 MINUTES)

Is there some way in which God went out of his way to find and pursue you? If so, share that with your group.

David said that when you are hurt, Jesus pursues you. Our response is to look for him. How do we look for Jesus?

David said that when you doubt, Jesus pursues you. Our response is to step toward Him. How do we step toward Jesus?

David said that when you fail, Jesus pursues you. Our response is to love Him back. How do we love Jesus back?

PRAYER

*Heavenly Father,
Thank you for your love for us and the reality of the risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We desire to worship him and know him, regardless of our hurts, our doubts, or our failures. Draw us near to Jesus and make his presence with us more real than ever before. May those who attended our Easter services continue to respond to the Easter invitation. Thank you for pursuing us through your relentless love. Amen.*