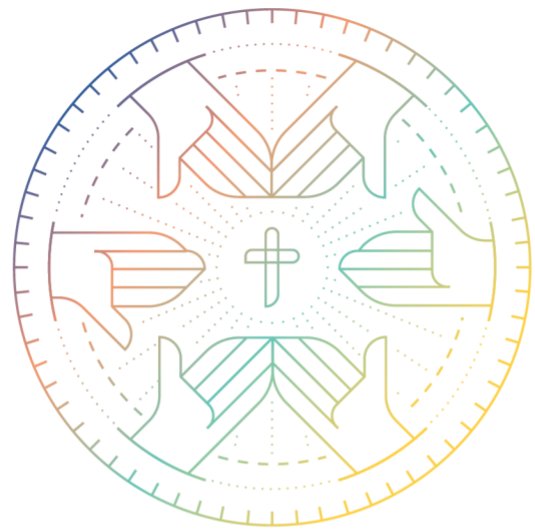


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ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

What's a fond memory you have of an Easter past? Perhaps from your childhood or from when your children were young? Share that with your group.

OR

What's one aspect of the Easter Week that you look forward to each year?

INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

Was there a "Daily This Week" that you incorporated into your daily spiritual rhythm? We suggested a morning prayer of surrender, gratitude journaling, or intentionally sharing the gospel. If so, share that with your group.

What statement, idea or truth most stood out to you from Pastor David's Easter message?

What element of the service inspired you toward greater hope in Jesus?

INTO THE WORD (20 MINUTES)

Read Hebrews 10:19-23. How did each of the following Bible characters demonstrate "absolute confidence in God"?

- Abraham
- Joseph
- David

Are there areas of your life where you have absolute confidence in God? What are they? Can you share an area where you struggle with being confident in God?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-8. If someone asked you, what proofs would you offer for the truth of the resurrection?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-19. How would you explain to someone why the truth of the resurrection is so essential to our faith?

If someone were to ask you what difference Jesus' resurrection has made in your life, how would you answer that question?

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APPLICATION (15 MINUTES)

How has God met you "right where you are"?

Have you ever found yourself wondering if you have God's attention?

Have you ever found yourself trying to win God's love?

Have you ever wondered about how to have a deeper relationship with God?

- Which of the three questions do you most relate to?

If God were literally standing next to you, readily available to hear you explain what's on your heart, what would you talk to Him about? **The Good News is that He is!**

Spend some time praying at the end of your small group time...

- Acknowledging God's presence.
- Inviting Him to make Himself fully known to you.
- Asking for a deeper personal relationship with Him.
- Accepting the free gift of God's love through Jesus Christ.

DAILY THIS WEEK (Choose one of the following to practice each day this week)

Write this prayer where you will see it throughout the day, and offer it in prayer to God when you do:

- "Father, I will watch for you all day long, for you are with me. Great is your faithfulness, O God."

What spiritual practice do you believe would help you to have a deeper relationship with God? How can you include that practice in each of your days this week?

Before you enter each day this week, quote Psalm 17:8 as a prayer, acknowledging God's love for you through Jesus, His Son.

- Psalm 17:8 "Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings,"

PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

Our Savior and Lord Jesus, thank you for what you have done for me. My debt of sin has been paid through your death on the cross. The victory over sin and death that is mine comes through your resurrection. Father, the resurrection was your "stamp of approval" for all that you did for me through Jesus. Holy Spirit, help me to live each day through the power of Jesus' resurrection. Thank you, Lord Jesus. Amen.