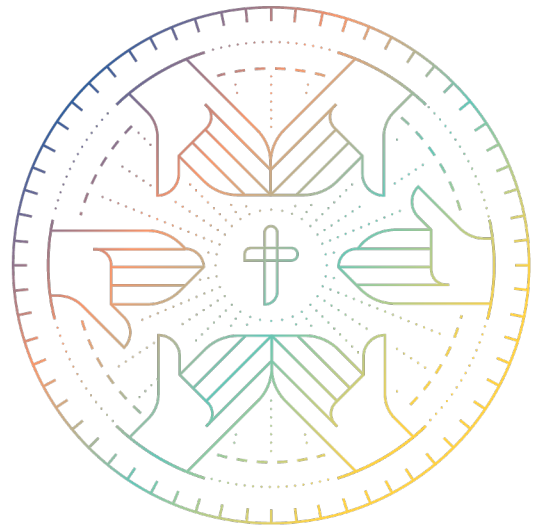


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## SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Easter: "Perfect Picture of God"

## ICEBREAKER

If you could take a 'perfect picture' of one moment from your life to hang in your house forever, what would it be?

When you think about your personal view of God growing up, what kind of 'picture' did you have of Him? How has that picture changed over time?

## INTRODUCTION

This Easter, we were reminded that Jesus is the perfect picture of God. Through His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus shows us who God is: not distant, not harsh, but full of grace, truth, and love. Easter points us back to the reality that Jesus changes everything.

What stood out to you from Pastor David's message this Easter?

## INTO THE WORD

**Read Colossians 1:15, John 1:18, and Hebrews 1:3.** How does knowing that Jesus is the 'visible image of the invisible God' impact the way you see God?

**Read Acts 17:27, Psalm 145:18, and James 4:8.** When have you most felt that God was near to you? What made that experience meaningful? How should this truth impact the way we live?

**Read Romans 3:23-24, Ephesians 2:4-5, and 2 Corinthians 5:17.** What does it mean to you personally that Jesus didn't just come to make you better, but to make you alive?

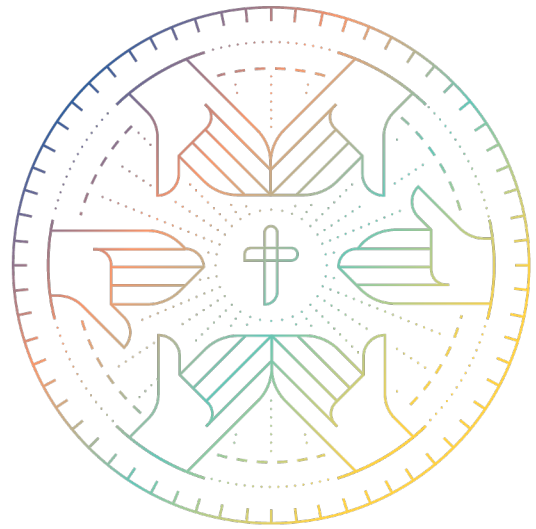
**Read Mark 2:17, Isaiah 1:18, and Luke 15:17-24.** Why do you think people sometimes feel they need to 'clean up' their lives before coming to God? How does Jesus' invitation challenge that thinking?

**Read Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:8-9, and Titus 3:4-7.** What makes it hard for people to accept salvation as a gift instead of something they have to earn?

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## APPLICATION

- Which 'picture' of God (Judge, Accountant, Waste Manager, Gift Giver) do you most relate to - and why? People connect differently: some need assurance of forgiveness, others need to experience God's nearness. Discussion will vary.
- Memorize Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble".
- How can you live differently knowing that God's grace is a gift, not something you have to earn?

## EMBRACE AND EMBODY THE HOPE OF JESUS

This Easter, we celebrate the ultimate truth: Jesus is the perfect picture of God, showing us that God is not distant or detached. He is near, forgiving, and full of grace. As you go through this week, embrace the reality that you are deeply loved, fully forgiven, and eternally alive in Christ. Embody that hope by living with confidence, offering grace to others, and sharing the good news that Jesus changes everything.

## CLOSING PRAYER

*Heavenly Father, Thank You for giving us the perfect picture of Yourself through Jesus. Thank You that we don't have to earn Your love or clean ourselves up first - You meet us right where we are. Help us to live each day in the joy and freedom of Your grace. Teach us to embody Your love to a world that desperately needs You. May the hope of Easter fill our hearts and spill over into our lives. In Jesus' name, Amen.*