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TALK ABOUT IT

Easter

AT CYPRESS 2021

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TEACHING OVERVIEW

Pastor Ken kicked off our new STORIES series on Easter weekend by teaching about the greatest love story of all time and how our story fits into it!

Encouragement

What is one of your family's Easter traditions that you were able to take part in this past weekend? If you don't have any, what is something you could start next year.

Take some time to share with your Group one way you noticed God moving in the week leading up to Easter.

Scripture & Discussion

Read: John 20:24-29

Discuss

1. Pastor Ken shared that Thomas represents the modern-day skeptic. If we are honest, it can be easy to fall into this same trap and doubt that the works of God could be true. What is one area in your walk of faith that you have struggled with doubt and fully trusting in the plans of God?
2. Although Thomas doubted, God loved him enough to seek him out after the resurrection and allow him to touch the wounds in his hands. When is a time in your life that God has given you evidence that he loves you, cares for you, and is at work in your life?

Read: John 20:13-18

Discuss

3. Mary was face-to-face with the resurrected Christ and she didn't even recognize Him, but He didn't give up on her. God always makes the first move towards us. Can you think back on a time in your life when you were stagnant but God never stopped pursuing your heart?

Discuss

4. Pastor Ken shared this weekend that God knows us, loves us, and longs to meet with us no matter where we are. Pause and reflect on the fact that the God of the entire universe chose to die for you. How does this reality change the way you live on a daily basis?

5. The message concluded with Pastor Ken asking everyone to text the word that represented their Next Step. Which word did you text over the weekend? MADENEW, COMMIT, OR JOURNEY? Why? What are your next steps to continue growing in your relationship with Christ?

Prayer

Take some time to pray for the communities, schools, and families that are going to be impacted by the LYN (Love Your Neighbor) serve initiative.

Pray that God gives you the strength and ability to live out your Next Step commitment every day this week! Remember that every decision is the beginning of a journey.

Next Steps

Share this weekend's Easter service with a family member, friend, or coworker that couldn't attend a live service this weekend. It's never too late to invite! <https://player.vimeo.com/video/532900539>

Talk to your Group about one service project you could participate in together to be part of the LYN serve initiative.