

# EASTER

AT WATERS EDGE

## Pt. 1: Easter 2018

Questions for further study and application:

- Day 1 Have you ever found yourself looking for something that ended up being right in front of you? Something like your keys or your cell phone. Sometimes, it can be that way when you are looking for peace, or love, or freedom. Perhaps you're searching for a way to conquer your shame or overcome your guilt. God wants nothing more than to help you have all these things. Yet, the enemy will do everything possible to keep you stuck and far from God. Read John 3:16-17. This is the good news of Easter; Jesus' blood was shed so you can experience all that God has to offer.
- Day 2 Life is full of hills and valleys. Sometimes, life is great and sometimes you find yourself in a place where you just feel empty. Maybe you've been hoping and praying for God to do something, but you haven't seen any results. When it seems as though God is being quiet; it can be easy to lose hope. When facing difficult circumstances how is your faith impacted? Do you draw closer to God or do you walk away? Read Psalm 34:18. When you're feeling hopeless and lost, let God in and let Him provide the comfort you need. You can trust that He is close, trust that He loves you, and trust that He will help you overcome the feeling of hopelessness.
- Day 3 Do you ever think to yourself that there is no way God could love you because you've made too many mistakes or bad decisions? Read Jeremiah 31:3. God loves you so much that He sent His son, Jesus, to give His life for you. You can't hide from God's love. He is always going to be chasing you down wherever you are because that's how His grace works. Even when we don't deserve it, He right there. Read Hebrews 4:16. When you begin to doubt whether or not you are deserving of God's love, come back to this verse. He promises to be there for you in your time of need.
- Day 4 Before His death, Jesus said he is the bread of life, meaning He is all you need in life. We celebrate Good Friday because it represents Jesus' suffering, who willingly paid the price for our sins. Three days after His death, Jesus victoriously rose to give us hope. When you put your faith in Jesus, you will have everything you'll ever need. When you don't, you'll continue to feel empty, and always be searching for something to fill the void in your life. Read Hebrews 12:1-3. Embrace hope by praying often, giving thanks for your blessings, and remind yourself that God loves you.
- Day 5 Read Ephesians 2:4-5. It is because of God's amazing grace that you can come back from past mistakes, from selfishness, from shame, from sin, and regret. Even though we don't deserve His grace, we're forgiven and He wipes our slates clean. Read John 16:33. God never promises that life will be easy, as a matter of fact, you see in John 16:33 that there will be trouble in the world, but since Jesus has overcome the world, you can have peace. When it's hard to understand why things aren't working out the way you thought they would, you can find peace in Jesus. Trust Him to take confusion and pain and use them for good.

## What's New

Baptism is the outward sign of an inward change. It's the next step after accepting Jesus as your Savior. Our next baptism will be on April 22 on each of our campuses. Register to be baptized at [watersedgechurch.net/baptism](http://watersedgechurch.net/baptism).