



Study for Sunday 4/1 - Saturday 4/7

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Warm-Ups (15 min)

If your group has more than 7 people, you're encouraged to split into men's and women's groups for "Warm Ups". Also, it often works better to go around the circle for each question instead of each person having to answer every question at once.

1. Share a "high" moment and a "low" moment from your week.
2. What did life teach you yesterday?
3. What is your favourite memory from Easter?
4. Share a "God moment" from this past week.

Scripture Study (30 min)

About the Sermon

Read 1 Corinthians 15:19-26:

1. What does Apostle Paul mean in verse 19 when he says, "we are of all people most to be pitied?" (see verses 12-19)
2. In verse 20 Apostle Paul flips this around with the statement, "Christ has been raised from the dead" why is the way he worded this important?
3. When Apostle Paul says, "the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep", what is the significance of this statement?
4. As Christ followers what is our hope and what is it based on?

A Deeper Look

Read Matthew 28:1-10:

1. In the Gospel of Matthew we read that as the women were going to the tomb there was a “powerful earthquake” what is the significance of this?
2. In verse 2 we read that “an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it,” why would an angel have to roll the stone away?
3. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were the first to share the good news of Jesus’ resurrection.
 - a. Has that message changed?
 - b. Are you sharing this message of good news?
 - c. Is this sharing of the message a joy or burden, why? Does the history of Jesus resurrection touch something deep inside you? What?

Life Application

Read Hosea 6:1-3:

The closing words of the chapter 5 give us some hope that God and his Israel, notwithstanding their sins and his wrath, might yet be joyously brought together again, that they would seek God and He would be found of them; now chapter 6 carries this further. Chapter 6 could be either the words of the prophet to the people, calling them to repentance, or as the words of the people to one another, exciting and encouraging one another to seek the Lord, and to humble themselves before Him, in hopes of finding mercy with him.

1. In verse 1 we read, “for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.” Discuss what this means.
2. Verse two reads, “After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.” What is this referring to?
3. Verse 3 talks about “learning about the Lord and getting to know the Lord,” and “His coming to us” Whom is this referencing and how has this come to fruition?

Group Prayer (15 min)

Take turns praying (1) Thanksgivings, (2) for each other's needs, and (3) for our community. ***Click here (</index.php/component/content/?id=181&Itemid=1627>) for creative ideas on how to pray as a group.***

1. Pray for individual needs, things we are thankful for, and our community.
2. Pray for safety for the construction people at Renewal that the building process would go well.
3. Pray for those spreading the gospel in distant lands.

Discipleship Trios (20 min)

Break into same-gender groups of three and move to separate spaces. If numbers are uneven, form groups of 2 instead.

- Spiritual Velocity:
 - What have you been hearing from God through Sunday's message, this week's LIFEGroup study, and/or this week's Life Journal scripture readings?
 - What's an area of your life in which you know you need to repent or grow? How can we support you?
- God Space:
 - How is your 3-2-1 challenge is going? Share about connections you're building and spiritual conversations you're having with non-believing neighbors and friends.
- Prayer:
 - Pray for non-believers in your lives by name:
_____.
 - Pray for each other.

Serve Our City

- Has your group planned an opportunity to serve our city for this semester? [Click Here](#) for a list of Service Ideas! (/images/Serve.pdf)

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