

 **EASTER** 

DOUGLAS AM

GOOD FRIDAY 29th MARCH

10.30AM – Family Service  **Palace Cinema**
with Communion (FOLLOWED BY A BUFFET LUNCH AT
THE PALACE HOTEL FROM 12 NOON)

EASTER SUNDAY 31st MARCH

10.30AM – Service  **Palace Cinema**

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MAKE DISCIPLES

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MAKE DISCIPLES THE CHOICE THAT SEPARATES (LIVE IN FREEDOM THIS EASTER!)

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
-Matthew 27:46

SIN IS A CHOICE THAT ULTIMATELY SEPARATES AND ISOLATES

He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

- Genesis 3:24

... but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

- Isaiah 59:2

... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, - Romans 3:23

OUR CHOICES MATTER – SIN HAS DEVASTATING CONSEQUENCES

14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

- James 1:14-15

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

- Ephesians 4:30

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

- Galatians 5:19-21

See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; - Hebrews 12:15

GOD'S DESIRE FOR US IS TO ENJOY ABUNDANT LIFE – JESUS DEATH AND RESURRECTION SETS US FREE FROM THE POWER OF SIN

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; - Isaiah 61:1

34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

- John 8:34-36

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

- 2 Corinthians 3:17

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,

- Titus 2:11-12

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

- John 10:10

HOW TO LIVE IN FREEDOM AND STAY FREE?

- Enjoy time with God each day (James 4:8)
- Prioritise renewing of the mind in His Word (Romans 12:2)
- Be continually filled with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18)
- Keep short accounts with God/repentant heart (1 John 1:9)
- Be accountable to a brother/sister in Christ (James 5:16)

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Sin is an act of the will i.e. we choose whether to sin or not. Why do we find it so difficult to refrain from sinning?
2. The effects of sin are extremely damaging and can ultimately be fatal, both to us and others. How can we help ourselves and each other in this area?
3. Jesus came to set us free! What does it mean to you to live an abundant life?
4. How has God spoken to you through this message? What steps are you going to take to live in greater freedom? Share with, and pray with one another.