

Easter Sunday

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April 12, 2020 — Sermon Notes

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What the World needs Now!!

Prayer! And Lots of it!! Call Someone! Video chat with someone!! We all need personal connections right now. Reach out to people you think would like to talk, even if it is just to check in and say HI! Let them know you're thinking of them! Connect with one another!!

If you are in need of groceries, would be willing to purchase or donate for someone's grocery needs, please contact the office at 231-769-2424.

Upcoming Events!

Marvelous Mondays is POSTPONED until further notice!

Next Steps Class is POSTPONED until further notice.

The Church building is currently closed until further notice. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Connect



Pray



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Further Study - April 12, 2020

Personal Reflection:

1. When is a time you gave a terrible first impression? When is a time that someone else gave you a terrible first impression?
2. Has someone ever given you a second impression? Who have you not given a chance for a second impression?

Personal Study:

1. Read Matthew 28:1-10
 - a. Can you imagine being the women who found Jesus' tomb empty? What would you have been thinking?
 - b. What would have been your reaction to encountering Jesus after seeing the tomb empty?
2. Read Acts 10:34-43
 - a. Why was Peter hesitant to go to Cornelius' house?
 - b. Describe the 3 parts to Peter's message:
 - i. Jesus' message
 - ii. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection
 - iii. Peter's (and all followers of Jesus) role
 - c. Peter mentions that Jesus' name is an invitation to receive what? Why is that important?
 - d. When is a time that you had to re-think the way that you understood who God is?

Personal Application:

1. How might you think of "second impressions" in light of the forgiveness Jesus offers?
2. What is difficult about accepting the forgiveness that Jesus offers?

Personal Prayer:

- Father, thank you for the new life that you give. Help me to accept the forgiveness you offer so that I can live the new life you offer. Help me to embrace the peace you offer and may it define who I am. I pray all of this in your son, Jesus' name. Amen.

Group Conversation

Group Reflection:

1. What is your best first impression of someone? Why?
2. When is a time that you wished you had given someone a second impression or you needed a second impression?
3. What would our connect group look like if we were better at giving each other the benefit of the doubt?

Group Study:

1. Read Matthew 28:1-10
 - a. Why do you think the women were the first ones to the tomb and not the other disciples?
 - b. What would have been running through your mind if you had been the women at the tomb?
2. Read Acts 10:34-43
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 - c. Peter mentions that Jesus' name is an invitation to receive what? Why is that important? Why is it hard to accept?
 - d. When is a time that you had to re-think the way that you understood who God is? How might that help us to have the heart and mind of Christ?

Group Application:

1. How do we help one another become people who allow for second impressions?

Further Learning Opportunity:

- "Who is this Man?" by John Ortberg and "The Resurrection of the Son of God" by NT Wright

Serving Opportunity:

- What are some ways we can see others for who they are, rather than who we wish they were?

Personal Spiritual Practice:

- Study is a spiritual practice that helps us to rest in the truths and teachings of Jesus. Spend time daily asking God to help you know and who he is by reading the Scriptures and a good devotional. We cannot grow in depth without study.