

EASTER WEEK

Memory Verse:

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the Spirit.

Acts 20:35

1) CATCH UP ON LIFE

This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. Because God is our Father we are family. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?

What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)? Are there any practical needs you have right now?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

2) REVIEW THE MISSION

Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit we have been sent as missionaries in everyday life to display God's glory and lead others to repentance and faith through belief in the gospel. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

Who is one person that you are building with that you can take the next step with this week? What do you plan to do?

3) CARE NIGHT

We are called to bear one another's burdens and to walk in the light together, and that is what we are going to focus on this evening. Break up into gender-based groups and use these questions to guide you. Make sure your group members go back and listen to the sermon if they have not by group meeting time. Remember also to encourage one another to give good news before good advice. (Galatians 6:1-5, James 5:16, 1 John 1:5-10)

⁹ For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹ **Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.**

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

Because God has destined us for salvation through the work of our Lord Jesus Christ (the cross and empty tomb that we just celebrated), we get to encourage one another and build one another up. Take some time to be honest and open about your sin, failures, hardships, sufferings, etc., and then build one another up with the gospel and accountability.