

He is not here; he has risen!

Luke 24:6



REFLECT

1. Think back over the last day or week. What are you most grateful for? What are you least grateful for? Take note of a few moments of significance.
2. Where have you seen God? What is He showing you about Himself? After reflecting, thank God for His gifts to you and for all the ways He is drawing you to Himself.



DISCUSS

1. How does this Easter feel different from other years? How is it the same?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 15:17-22.
 - a. How do you respond to the idea that Christian faith rests on an historical claim, that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead?
 - b. Do you believe in the resurrection? Why or why not?
 - c. If Christ was raised, what does that mean for those who believe, or who are “in Christ”?
3. If you had to briefly share the big story of the Bible with a child or someone unfamiliar with Christianity, what would you say?
 - a. Where would the death and resurrection of Jesus fit into your telling?
 - b. If you can't tell the big story yourself, how do you respond to the narrative that Pastor Mike presented? What are you most moved by or curious about?
4. Read what the resurrected Jesus tells His disciples in Luke 24:44-49.
 - a. How does Jesus fulfill the scriptures?
 - b. When did you first hear the news of Jesus preached (v. 46-47)? How did you respond?
 - c. What instructions and promises does Jesus give His disciples?
5. Read Ephesians 2:8-10. How do “works” relate to faith and salvation? Are there any areas where you resist the gift of grace (e.g., trying hard to be a good person without God's help)?



LIVE IT OUT

1. Carve out some time to consider your brokenness, your deep need for God and for a Savior. Confess your sin to God in prayer and ask for forgiveness. Imagine God reaching down to you in love and embracing you as His child because of what Jesus has done for you.
2. Start reading one of the Gospels this week. Pay close attention to Jesus and make a list of what stands out to you: What is He like? What does He say and do? How does He relate to the Father and others? How do you respond to Jesus as you read?
3. Is there anything you need to change or do this week? Or someone you can share Jesus with?



PRAYER