

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of April 4, 2021

MY STORY

Growing up, what was your favorite thing about Easter?

QUICK REVIEW: Looking back at this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

DIGGING DEEPER

How has your life changed through belief in the resurrection?

Why does John mention the grave clothes left in the tomb, and their condition?

How does the resurrection free us from the fear of death in day-to-day life?

What impact does freedom from fear have on you in the way you spend your money, use your free time, and make it known that you are a believer?

How would your daily life change if the resurrection was on the forefront of your mind each day?

If the resurrection had never happened, would your life be any different? Explain.

How did you come to faith in Jesus?

What are the best ways you've discovered in your life to build upon your faith where you've lacked understanding?

PRAYER REQUEST

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Tips on Group Prayer

Prayer is an important part of being in a Small Group. We've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines:

WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once a request is introduced, the group focuses on that request. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

PRAY MORE THAN ONCE

Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray out loud.

WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT & SIMPLE

Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused, and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missionaries of the Month Please pray for Jeff & Mary Townsend as they work to disciple international students.

Munchkin Market MOPS Munchkin Market will be April 14-17. Call Adina in the church office to donate items, or volunteer to help.



The Gospel of John---That You May Believe *Changed Lives*

John 19:38-20:10 (ESV) Kirk Greenstreet April 4, 2021

I The Changed Lives of Joe and Nic

- Joe was a rich and powerful member of the Sanhedrin.
- He was a "good and righteous man".
- He was a *secret* disciple for fear of the Jews.
- Nic was a rich and powerful Pharisee.
- He was a member of the Sanhedrin and a secret disciple for fear of the Jews.
- Joe and Nic feared losing what they had in life.
- They lost out on walking with Jesus in life.

II The Changed Lives of Mary, Peter and John

- Mary went from weeping to rejoicing.
- She went from sorrow to proclaiming.
- Peter saw and wondered.
- John saw and believed.