



Sermon Discussion Guide
Week of 04/01/2018

➤ ***Icebreaker***

What did you do for Easter?

➤ ***Announcements***

Please continue to pray for our Facility Expansion project. God is working in our church and we are so excited about our future together.

➤ ***Prayer Time***

➤ ***Discussion Questions***

What does it mean today to be a Christian? How do people view Christians? What disinformation and misinformation have you seen concerning our faith? How have some equated their faith with their politics, religious activity, the trappings of religion, or what they believe intellectually? Why is it better to see ourselves as Christ *followers*? How does this terminology clarify what we should really be about?

Read the Lord's Prayer one more time- Matthew 6:9-13. In what ways does this prayer challenge us to think and live differently?

What are some ways people respond to darkness? Why is withdrawing, cowering, cursing it, feeling smug and superior to those who are stuck in it, fall short of God's plan?

Why are we sometimes quick to judge broken people rather than loving them, extending grace, and demonstrating a better way? How does this feed the negative narrative of Christians?

How does God want us to respond to darkness in the world and in people's lives? How can we do things differently? What are some ways we can flip the script and become known as people who push back darkness?

Jesus mission was to advance His kingdom of goodness and grace and to defeat the powers of darkness. How does Easter perfectly fulfill Jesus original light shining- darkness defeating- mission... see Matthew 4:15-17- Matthew 28:1-6. What does Jesus do to the power... to the fear of death?

Read the following verses in 1 Corinthians 15...

V.1-11 Why does Paul have so much confidence in the resurrection?

V. 12-18; 32 What would it mean for us if the resurrection wasn't true?

V. 20-28; 50-57 What promises are now ours because of the resurrection?

V. 58 cf Matthew 28:1-6 How should we now live because of the resurrection?

> ***Conversational Prayer: Dear God show me...***