



Sermon Discussion Guide
Week of 04/09/2017

➤ ***Icebreaker***

What is a favorite Easter memory?

➤ ***Announcements***

Who can you invite to our upcoming Easter services?

➤ ***Prayer Time***

➤ ***Discussion Questions***

What is the most amazing rescue you have heard about or witnessed? What qualities do you see in the rescuers? In what way is God like this too? How does Philippians 2:3-11 and Luke 18:31-34 illuminate this further?

According to Colossians 1:13-14 what does God do for us? Why do we need to be rescued? What does Romans 3:9-20 say about the impossibility of rescuing ourselves?

What does God do that we can't- Romans 3:23?

Tell your story of rescue- how you came to know the Lord or how you came to the point of seeking God and considering the possibility of putting your faith in Jesus.

Why is it so hard to understand the mystery Paul speaks about when he says that Christ is in you- plural. Why are we so much more powerful together than we are individually?

God's plan is to rescue us and transfer us- incorporate us into- a new people who live out an alternative to darkness. What are some of the challenges we face in being this alternative community of love and grace? What are the opportunities we have in our common faith and ministry together?

What are some of the characteristics, qualities, and values that God wants to see embodied in the local church- in us together in this new community? What do the following verses add- Colossians 2:2-8; Colossians 2:13-14, 16-17, 20-23; Colossians 2:15; Ephesians 2:14-17?

Why is it important to move from critiquers of the church to contributors to the church? What happens when we get our family life- community life in the local church right- see John 13:34-35; Colossians 1:28-29

➤ ***Conversational Prayer: Dear God help us...***