

Separated no more.

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

All access to freedom.

John 8:36; Romans 5:21

All access to life.

John 3:15-19; Romans 8:5

NEXT STEPS

Use these study questions to turn a message into a conversation. Join with someone and continue to grow by using these study questions this week.

Personal Reflections

How did Paul's story impact you? Do you see any similarities with your story?

If pastor Jeff were to interview you, what would be your story of connecting with God?

As you think about having full access to God through Jesus Christ, do you think your understanding of him would benefit from sharing that experience with others who are seeking to know him better?

Consider joining a Life Group this week. You can check out the different groups and sign up at www.seekreallife.com/ministries/groups

REFLECTIONS ON EASTER.

READ MATTHEW 28:1-10; JOHN 20:1-16

Jesus at the empty tomb.

Discussion Prompts: Use these questions to reflect on the encounter with Jesus at the empty tomb.

1. From John 20: For Peter and John in this resurrection account, in contrast to Mary's experience, there are no angels, no reassuring words, and no appearance of the risen Jesus. Instead, they see only the evidence of the empty grave clothes lying in an empty tomb. Which experience, for you, would be more convincing that Jesus has risen from the dead?

2. From John 20: Over 2,000 years later, what evidence do we have that Jesus' resurrection occurred?

3. From John 20: In light of the message Jesus tells Mary to deliver to the disciples (17), do you think he is talking about his relationship with God the Father or our relationship with God?

4. What part of the resurrection account makes the deepest impact on you?

Addition reading related to John 20:1-16

Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, Colossians 3:1-4

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful Christian relationships and the study of God's Word. (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25). Here's how it will happen.

SHARE

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned "sharing questions." But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal, as we feel more comfortable.

STUDY

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's message or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Faith in Christ in everyday life.

SUPPORT

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms, such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

SERVE

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16). Throughout the quarter it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways God has designed you to serve and make a difference in God's Kingdom.