

SET FREE *from death to life*

Easter 2024
Mark 15 – March 31, 2024

Check out one of these helpful resources:

Easter – JD Greear: <https://bit.ly/3VBJJVy>

Good Friday and Easter – Francis Chan: <https://bit.ly/3VAnijm>

Allow God to speak to you through his written Word. The goal of this time is to have quality connection and time together. Choose questions from Know, Grow, and Show that will best help your group discuss the passage and take their next steps of faith. Don't feel like you need to use all the questions. Feel free to add your own too! We are praying for you as you lead your D-Group this week!

KNOW (Build Relationships)

- What is your favorite Easter tradition or memory from childhood?
- If you could have witnessed one event in the Easter story, which would it be and why?
- Have you ever felt like you really messed up and deserved punishment, but someone else took the consequences for you instead?
- Have you ever experienced a moment where you felt undeserving of grace or forgiveness? How did it impact you?
- From your understanding, who was Barabbas, and why is his story significant in the context of Easter and the crucifixion of Jesus?
- How has the message of Easter and God's grace evolved in your own life journey, and how does it continue to impact your faith today?



GROW: (Grow Spiritually)

- Read Mark 15:1-15. Why do you think Pilate offered the crowd the choice between Jesus and Barabbas? What does this tell us about the political climate at the time? Why do you think Pilate was so swayed by the crowd to have Jesus crucified instead of Barabbas?
- In Mark 15:7-15, why do you think the crowd chose Barabbas to be released instead of Jesus? How does this reflect human nature?
- What does Pilate's reluctance to condemn Jesus tell us about his internal struggle?
- Read Mark 15:16-20. How do you think Jesus was able to endure such humiliation and torture while still showing grace?
- What does the mocking and mistreatment of Jesus reveal about the depths of human cruelty and sinfulness? In what ways can we still see this kind of disregard for Christ and human dignity in the world today?
- "If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said." (Tim Keller) Do you agree? Why or why not?
- Read Galatians 3:13. How did Jesus' death fulfill the law's curse for us?
- Charles Spurgeon said, "We are not fighting for a dead man's cause. We have a living, reigning king!" How does the resurrection of Jesus give us hope and assurance in our Christian faith?



SHOW: (Live on Mission)

- Like Barabbas, in what areas of your life do you need to embrace the grace and freedom that Christ offers?
- What "chains" of sin, shame, or struggle are you still trying to break free from on your own? How can you accept Christ's help?
- Jesus was willing to be humiliated and suffer for you. What sacrifices is God calling you to make for others?
- How can we cultivate a deeper sense of gratitude for the grace and mercy extended to us through Christ's sacrifice?
- In what ways can we share the message of Easter and God's grace with others, especially those who may feel unworthy or burdened by guilt?