



RESOURCES FOR GROUPS

TITLE: Easter Sunday

DATE: April 4, 2021

SPEAKER: Pastor Brian Berg

COMMUNITY BUILDING:

- Where is a path you like to walk on or bike on?
- How was your Easter celebration this year?

CHRIST-CENTERED DISCUSSION:

Bold indicates zoom friendly OR to be used with spiritual growth partners. *Italicized green text is the leader guide.*

- Think back through the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount. Which are still particularly impacting to you? Is there a concept that you want to keep close to you as we leave this series?
- **The resurrection of Christ has been a foundational part of the Christian faith and teaching throughout the ages. Look at I Thessalonians 4:13-18; I Corinthians 15:1-22 (all of 15) and I Peter 1:3-6, 23. What hope is there in the resurrection for believers?**
- Why was the resurrection such a central part to the teaching of the early church? See Acts 4:33; 2:22-33; 17:30-34 and Ephesians 1:15-23.
- **What are the implications of the resurrection in your own life?**
- The Joyful Journey was meant to walk us through what believers are called to BE in the kingdom of God. The upcoming series, A Missional Journey, is designed to focus on what believers are called to DO. As you've read through the Gospels during the Joyful Journey, what might be some things this next series focuses on? What are believers called to DO according to the Gospels? Make a list to refer back to throughout the new series.

Two of Woodlands' priorities are Going and Growing. Read their descriptions below.

Going: We aspire to be a church that goes intentionally into our local community and world with the Gospel. Jesus is the hope of the world, so we will strategically and creatively share the good news and love of Christ in relevant ways. We will seek to bless and impact others by doing good works to meet pressing needs.

Growing: We aspire to be a community where everyone is growing in their knowledge of, trust in, dependence on, and obedience to Jesus. He is Lord, and calls us to live surrendered to Him, so we will help people pursue spiritual growth in all of life, for all of life. To facilitate spiritual growth in our community, we will coach people to walk with Jesus, equip them for service and witness, and develop leaders.

- List what Woodlands is currently doing in each of these areas. How have these things assisted you in your walk with and service to Jesus?
- How does the truth of the gospel and the reality of the resurrection compel you to pursue these priorities? What's something we can do as a group or individually to build these values?

FAITHFULLY FOLLOWING:

- Classes are coming up at Woodlands and can be an intentional way to grow as believers. Take a look at the class offerings online here (https://woodlandschurch.org/events/?_groups_type_of_group=class) to see if there is one you or your group should take advantage of.
- The Joyful Journey resource page on our website has many Faithfully Following pieces.