

Growth Group Homework

For the week of April 20-26, 2018

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Where are you seeing signs of new life this Easter season?

DIGGING DEEPER QUESTIONS

1. Please read the scripture we have heard this week again and share with your group what comes up to mind.

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-9 (NRSV)

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶In this you rejoice, ^{6a}even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

⁸Although you have not seen ^{8a}him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

2. We all have moments of weakness where we struggle, have doubt and despair. Think of a time in your spiritual walk that you denied Jesus.

2. What does it mean to you that you have an inheritance that is “imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven” (v. 4)? [Since salvation is a gift that we inherit, it is tied with our identity as children of God (more so than with the degree of our faith or obedience). We can have an assurance of God’s love and empowerment in spite of our weakness. Thus, we can live in the confidence of God’s love.]

3. How does that inheritance influence how you live now?

4. How might that help us to rejoice even when we suffer (v. 6)?

5. What might it look like for you to “rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy” (v. 8)?

Take it home(Application)

Ask for a volunteer to lead the group or read the following prayer in unison:

God, we rejoice for the salvation that is found in Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of sins, for reconciliation with God and others, and for the inheritance that awaits us in glory. May the joy found in our relationship with you be evident in all we say and do. Amen.

Prayer Requests:



Growth Group Community Service Project

We ask every group to take on at least one service project a year (the ideal is two) and to have at least one social gathering (potluck) per half a year. Please consider with your group members of what community service you'd like to participate in. There is a project list made by our church that you can join in and outside the church.