

## Growth Group Homework

For the week of April 27-May 3, 2020

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### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. As we enter our second month of “Sheltering in Place” what blessings have you experienced during this time?

### 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 1:17-23 NRSV

17 If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. 18 You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. 20 He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. 21 Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. 22 Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. 23 You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed,<sup>9</sup> through the living and enduring word of God.

1. Easter defines us as Christians. What part of the Easter story do you find the hardest to believe? The hardest to accept?
2. What are some of the ways that knowing that we are Easter People that can help you thrive during the COVID 19 times?
3. The idea of imperishability is one of the main points again this week. We are given life through the imperishable seed of Jesus Christ. What are some of the ways that the world tries to entice you to build your foundation on the perishable things of life? What do you do to fight back?
4. In verse 22 Peter talks about the importance of “genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart.” How does this type of love differ from what you have seen and experienced throughout your life?
5. How can loving deeply from our hearts help us during these stress filled and trying times?

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### Take it home (Application)

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

**Dear God, Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for the victory and power in your Name. Thank you that you hold the keys over death, that by your might, Jesus was raised from the grave, paving the way for us to have new life with you. Thank you that you had plan, that you made a way. Help us to love more deeply. Love more fully. Love more completely. To show your love to those we encounter this week. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Prayer Requests:



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**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.