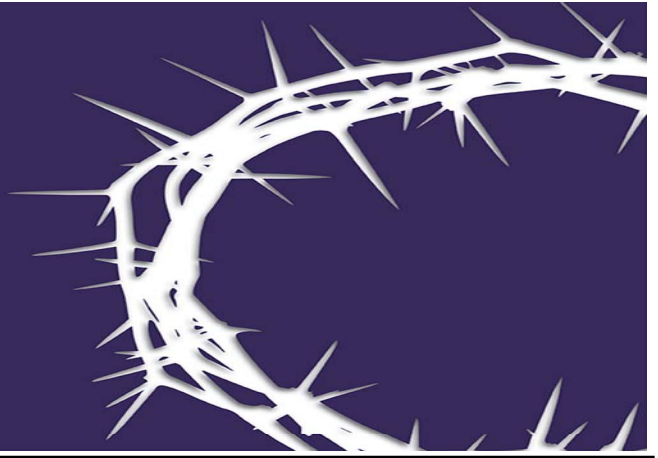


DEATH IS NOT THE END OF THE STORY



GRAB GATHER GROW 3-25-18

Life, Death, and Resurrection
Grab this study, gather a few people, and grow in faith

SCRIPTURE

(read over the scripture together)

John 11:25-26

²⁵Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

OPENING PRAYER

God Almighty, you have the power to raise the dead. You have raised your servant, Jesus. We trust in him, and ask that his power and presence would be manifested among us. Open our hearts and minds to you and your word and enliven our spirits. Guide our conversations today as we explore the meaning of Death and Resurrection and graciously transform us. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

DISCUSSION (one or two or ...)

Do you believe this is what Jesus asks. Re-read John 11:25-26 and answer the question.

A heroic moment... when Superman sets out to end world hunger, he flies to impoverished places around the globe with a tanker filled with food. One dramatic stop gives a clue to Superman's 'motive and role model. As he heads toward Rio de Janeiro, he flies close to the iconic Christ the Redeemer statue that overlooks the city. With his arms outstretched, he mimics the statue's pose exactly. Even though he does not eliminate hunger, Superman still demonstrates the power of a life lived in imitation of Christ. Discuss ways this Holy Week you could be a SuperMan/Woman? How could you imitate Christ this Holy Week?

Discuss the following quote ... “We all have heard about ordinary people who find themselves in extraordinary situations. They act courageously or responsibly, and their efforts are described as if they opted to act that way on the spur of the moment ... I believe many people in those situations actually have made decisions years before. Somewhere along the line, they came to define the sort of person they wanted to be, and they conducted their lives accordingly.” -Chesley Sullenberger

Jesus is a different kind of hero. The resurrection changes everything.
How has Jesus been a hero to you? How has the Resurrection changed you?

SERVE

Change for Change this coming Sunday: United Methodist Committee on Relief Sunday. Read over Galatians 6:2 “Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.” Discuss how we are called to bear burdens. Explore online what “burden bearing” UMCOR does in this world. Then collect your change AND decide how much of special gift you will make this Sunday for UMCOR Sunday.

Put together a homeless kit. In a zip lock bag put a few emergency items and drop them off to some folks you encounter this week. Don’t forget to invite them to join as BUMC for a Free loaves and fishes meal at noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
Attend Worship this Holy Week, invite some Friends or co-workers to join you.



FAITH
share read talk pray bless



AT HOME THIS WEEK

Share your High and Low of the day; read the daily scripture; talk about it; pray about each others highs and lows, and at the end of the day, bless each other with the blessing below or one of your own.

SUNDAY: John 11:25-26

MONDAY: Luke 19:38

TUESDAY: Luke 9:35

WEDNESDAY: Matthew 28:6

THURSDAY: John 13:15-17

FRIDAY: John 19:30

SATURDAY: No Verse—He is in the Tomb! Just be silent.

Easter Sunday: John 20:1-18

BLESSING: “May you believe this!”