

GROWTH GUIDE

For you. Your family. Your group.

EASTER AT CITY ON A HILL
WASHED BY THE BLOOD | HEBREWS 10:19-25
FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 9, 2023

SERMON OUTLINE

1. Because Jesus is alive we have access to God. Hebrews 10:19-20
2. Because Jesus is alive we have an advocate before God. Hebrews 10:21
3. Because Jesus is alive we can be washed white. Hebrews 10:22
4. Because Jesus is alive we have a hope that is unshakeable. Hebrews 10:23
5. Because Jesus is alive we have a reason to worship and rejoice. Hebrews 10:24-25

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Looking back at the passage and your notes, what was something that you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or you have questions about?
2. Check for understanding: What is it about Jesus's resurrection that makes Paul say "And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain." (1 Corinthians 15:14). In other words, why is whether or not Christ was raised from the dead foundational to our faith? Can you be a Christian and not believe in the resurrection? Why or why not?
3. How did God work in your life through Good Friday and/or Easter this year?
4. How does the resurrection lead you to hope, rejoicing, worship etc.? What do you do or what could you do to stay focused on the resurrection of Jesus throughout the rest of the year?
5. We talked about on Sunday how Jesus advocates on our behalf. But the Holy Spirit is also called an advocate in John 14:16. How exactly does Christ advocate for us on our behalf? How is that different from the Holy Spirit's work?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. Do you believe Jesus is alive? If you said yes, what's one area of your life where you don't feel very unshakable, worshipful, or joyful, and what's the cause of that? Is there something you're not believing or trusting about Jesus that you know to be true?
2. On Sunday we rejoiced in Jesus's resurrection. Share some other things God is doing in your life you're rejoicing in.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Praise God for sending his only son Jesus, to pay that price we couldn't, so we might be justified. And then raised him to life, so that we might have new life in him.
2. Pray for the faith in every circumstance or trial, to trust that Jesus alive, and that the implications of that truth would bring us great strength and joy.
3. Ask God to use our Easter services to bring any visitors that didn't know Christ as Lord and Savior to that saving knowledge.