

03/25/2018

John 19: Jesus is crucified and buried

Reminders

Good Friday - The Good Friday services will be at 5:30 and 7pm. We will provide ExodusKids for ages 6 months through 4-years-old. There are 2 events posted on The City (one for each service) where we need you to RSVP if you are planning to attend.

Easter - Easter morning services will be at 8, 9:30, and 11am. **Please try to attend the 8am or 11am services as the 9:30am service will be crowded with visitors.** We have posted a link on the City for you to “reserve your spot” so we can have an idea of how many to expect at each service and be prepared. Make sure you take care of this soon if you haven’t already. ExodusKids for 8am will be 6-12mos in the nursery, 1-4 years in the EK space, 5 year and up in the service with their parents

Easter plans - There will be no guide for Easter Sunday. Make plans with your CG as to whether or not you’ll meet Easter/spring break week.

Journey Companions Brunch - Saturday, April 14th, from 9-11am in the Overflow space. Ladies, please join us for brunch where we will share the vision and offer training for the Journey Companions ministry to new mothers. Journey Companions are women who come alongside an expecting or adoptive mom and walk with her through the first year of having the new child home. This will be an informative time and will not commit you to serving in this ministry, but it can help you know if this is a place for you to serve now or in the future. If you can attend, RSVP on The City or contact Martha Jackson at 407.832.0365 or on The City. Childcare is provided, but you will need to let Martha know by 4/8.

Next Steps - April 15th. This meeting is for people who have been around Exodus Church who want to learn more about our church--who we are, what we do, and how we do it. It’s also the first step in the membership process for those who are interested in joining us in our journey.

March Prayer Focus

Rest in God’s Timing- Exodus 32

I don’t know many people who just love waiting. Resting in God’s Timing is hard. Trusting that He will provide what we need when we need it is difficult.

There are so many ways in which we need to pray this for one another.

1. Restoration Project
2. Trusting God’s Timely Provision

3. In our Personal Lives
4. As we begin new initiatives at Exodus

Guide

Remember

Read John 18:28-19:16

What stands out to you from the passage? Anything connect with you during the sermon?

Deepen

Talk about the following characters from the event. What do you notice about them?

- Religious Leaders
- Pilate
- Jesus
- Barabbas
- Soldiers

The religious leaders are concerned about their rules (Passover observance, for instance), but not as much about righteousness (the fact that they are persecuting an innocent man). How do you experience this in your own heart and life?

Talk about the way the various people in the passage view and use power.

Transform

Pilate seems to be in a leadership nightmare. He is caught between doing what is right and keeping the peace. How do you experience that in your life? What are the tensions you experience in those moments?

The religious leaders sacrifice Jesus for personal gain. Pilate tries to avoid Jesus for temporary comfort. How might we be tempted to do the same?

Read over Jesus' words here in John 18 and 19. How do his words communicate his loving them (and us) to the end?

- John 18:36-38
- John 19:7-11

Read Isaiah 53:1-10. Consider how Jesus' suffering communicates his love and care for us.

As you contemplate Jesus' suffering, mockery and death in our place, reflect on your own heart as we approach Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Share with the group any observations you have.