



Week 2: April 12-18

Share Life:

Question: How do you feel about the recent events surrounding Coronavirus? What is something positive that has happened in the past month?

Vision: “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, *not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*” Hebrews 10:23-25

Share God’s Word (story):

Background: Today’s story is about the future and the troubles that our world will face before Jesus comes again. In this story, Jesus is talking to his disciples. He begins to tell them about the day He returns to defeat Satan, but the disciples had a very important question. They asked, “... when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and the end of the age?” Jesus tells them in Matthew 24 what they should look for to know when the end of this time will come. He told them that:

1. The Temple would be destroyed
2. False messiahs would come
3. There would be wars and rumors of wars
4. Nation would rise up against nation and kingdom against kingdom
5. Famines and earthquakes would take place
6. We would be persecuted because of His Name
7. Lawlessness would multiply
8. The good news would be proclaimed in all the world

After these things take place, The Great Tribulation, a period of incredible loss, that Daniel prophesied about will begin. This is where our story begins.

Tell the story from Matthew 24:15-31
Read the story from Matthew 24:15-31

Share Questions & Discussion:

1. What stands out to you in this story and why?
2. What can you learn about man, or what can you learn about God in this story?
3. How do you need to respond to what the Holy Spirit is telling you?

Share in Prayer

In addition to praying for any needs in your group, spend time praying this week that God would add someone new to your small group that you can minister to together.

Recruit a storyteller for next week!!



Week 2: Jesus the Great Administrator

Today, we are experiencing a time when people are holding tight to their finances, time, and space. COVID-19 has caused people to reconsider how their money should be spent as the economy flounders. It is also making people stay in their homes without the option of helping people in times of need.

Jesus was extremely generous with his time and resources. Let's look to His example for how we can be generous in this difficult time.

Luke 9:58 – “And Jesus said to him, ‘Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.’”

John 10:17-18 – “For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

John 13:13-15 – “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

Jesus gave the greatest gift, His life. How can you lay down your life during COVID-19?

This past week, we encouraged our church members to post a short testimony of how Jesus changed their lives on social media. If you did not do that, would you consider doing so this week? There is no greater love than to lay down your life for your friends. One way our church can do that as we continue in isolation is to share what God has done for us through social media.