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Journey Church

Easter

April 9, 2023

Don't Miss Easter

The Sound of Hope

Matthew 21:1-11

Where do you turn to for hope?

Psalm 23:4

Two reasons we may miss Easter:

1. Our hope is in the wrong kingdom.

Matthew 27:11-23, 28:18-20

We will feel frustrated and disappointed with God.

2. Our hope is in religion.

Matthew 9:12-13, Mark 11:15-19

We will feel either <u>pride</u> or <u>shame</u>, but not <u>grace</u>.

Gospel of grace: God has made his way to us.

Ephesians 2:9-10, Romans 5:8-11

The cross gives us a <u>restored</u> <u>relationship</u> with God.

Matthew 27:45-54, 2 Corinthians 5:18

The resurrection gives us a <u>new life</u> to live.

Matthew 28:1-10, John 10:10, Romans 8:11

Questions/Topics for this week:

- 1. Where do you find yourself turning for hope?
- 2. What is the difference between putting your hope in religion, versus a relationship with Jesus?
- 3. What is the significance of the curtain in the Temple being torn in two at Jesus' death? What does this tell you about your relationship with God?

Be Intentional:

This week remember that you can come boldly before a God who loved you enough to sacrifice His only Son for your sins. Spend time thanking Him for his mercy and grace.

Pray:

Spend time praying together. What are some ways in which you can pray for each other? Take some time in the coming week to explore ways in which you can encourage one another. Remember to share with your group what you are learning about those opportunities and reflect on God's Word as you pray for each other.