

Family Discussion Guide

Class Session 6 – 2018

Holy Week and Easter

CONFIRMATION CLASS
SATURDAY - MARCH 10, 2018
10 AM - 2 PM

During this sixth month of Confirmation Instruction you will be learning about the events of the last week of Jesus' earthly life - the events we commemorate each year during Holy Week.

Prayer Time

As you involve yourself with the Word of God this month by reading selected portions of scripture, begin your time of reading and reflection with the following prayer, or one of your own:

Jesus, the Living Christ, we come to this chapter of your life story and want to run away rather than sit at the cross. Help us now to stay with you and to know why the cross is so important. We can only see and live in your whole story of death and resurrection if we are willing to view the death part. Like your first disciples, we are scared and repulsed by the manner of your death. Turn our fear and repulsion into something you can use, to touch us and teach us, so we can remain by your side and speak of you to others. Help us to know that you remain close to us even when we run away from you. In your name we pray. Amen.

Bible Readings

Jesus' death and resurrection are central to our Christian faith. Both have a profound impact for our life each day. Take time through these readings to discuss and reflect on these great events and their significance on your life today.

READING ASSIGNMENTS WEEK ONE:

Seven Last Things Jesus Said from the Cross - read through the following passages and write your answers to the questions listed after each Bible passage.

1. Luke 23:32-34
 - a. Write out the words Jesus spoke from the cross:

 - b. Why does he say this?

 - c. Our Savior's incredible love for us is shown in this passage. What did his death accomplish for us? What does this statement tell us about how he feels toward us?

2. Luke 23:35-43
 - a. Write out the words Jesus spoke from the cross:

- b. Why does he say this?
 - c. In what way could the words from the criminal (v. 39) be seen as a temptation for Jesus?
 - d. How were Jesus' words a comfort to the second criminal?
 - e. How are Jesus' words written here a comfort for you?
3. John 19:25-27
- a. Write out the words Jesus spoke from the cross:
 - b. Why does he say this?
 - c. Who could blame Jesus for thinking of himself in this situation, but he didn't! He thought of his mother. What does this mean for you? What example is Jesus always setting for us?
4. Mark 15:33-35
- a. Write out the words Jesus spoke from the cross:
 - b. Why does he say this?
5. John 19:28
- a. Write out the words Jesus spoke from the cross:
 - b. Why does he say this?
 - c. What does it mean for us that the scripture was fulfilled?
6. John 19:30
- a. Write out the words Jesus spoke from the cross:
 - b. Why does he say this?
 - c. What does it mean for us that "it is finished"?

7. Luke 23:44- 46
 - a. Write out the words Jesus spoke from the cross:
 - b. Jesus willingly gave up his life for you. What caused him to do this? How does it make you feel knowing that he died so you can live with him forever in heaven?

READING ASSIGNMENT TWO:

Post-Resurrection Appearances - read through the following passages and see who Jesus appeared to immediately after his resurrection. Write your answers to the questions listed after each Bible passage.

John 20:10-18

1. Why was Mary crying?
2. How does Jesus break through Mary's grief and confusion?
3. What term does Jesus use for his disciples?

Luke 24:13-32

1. When did this happen?
2. How were these disciples feeling? What hopes were dashed for them?
3. What does Jesus use to explain all that was to happen?
4. Did the disciples have to find Jesus or did he come to them? How is that a comfort to you?

John 20:19-31

1. How does Jesus prove it's him? (see Luke 5:1-11 - they have seen it before!)

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

1. Jesus did not just appear to the disciples. Paul is the author of 1 Corinthians and he names all those he knew to whom Jesus appeared. List all that he mentioned who had seen the risen Savior
2. What does Paul say was of "first importance"?
3. Why is it of "first importance" to you?

Memory Assignment (Optional)

Please memorize the following Bible verses and the Apostles' Creed.

Romans 10:9: That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 14:19: "Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Parent Report Form

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| Student's Name: |
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| | Assignments | Check as items are completed |
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| Week 1 | | |
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| | John 19:25-27 | |
| | Mark 15:33-35 | |
| | John 19:28 | |
| | John 19:30 | |
| | Luke 23:44-46 | |
| Week 2 | | |
| | John 20:10-18 | |
| | Luke 24:13-32 | |
| | John 20:19-31 | |
| | John 21:1-14 | |
| | 1 Corinthians 15:3-8 | |
| Memory Assignments (Optional) | | |
| | Romans 10:9 | |
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NEXT CLASS SESSION IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 10, 2018, 10 AM - 2 PM

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Confirmants and their families provide food and serve at the Lenten suppers scheduled during March. Workers have been assigned and more information was sent out in the mail. Please read it and be here when assigned. If you have concerns, call Donna in the church office at 228-9883.

Eighth Grade Class Trip is scheduled for **April 19-21, 2018.**

Return this form at the next class session.

Parent's Signature _____ Date: _____