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NORTH METRO CHURCH

NMC SERMON SERIES CONTENT



Easter Sunday:

Easter is the annual celebration of Christ's resurrection to life after His crucifixion and death. The day is also called Resurrection Sunday. The word *Easter* is related to the word *east*, which naturally points us to the sunrise, to new days and new beginnings.

Summary Taken from:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/meaning-of-Easter.html>

EASTER SUNDAY

Discussion Questions:

What is Easter such a big deal and how has your family historically celebrated it?

Why do you think that the following sentence is the most underlined sentence in the world:

"Because sometimes things happen to people and they're not equipped to deal with it."

Read John 20:19-23

What happened that surprised everyone? What did Jesus say to the disciples?

Why is the message of "peace" so fitting for the disciples as they sit in fear after the crucifixion of Jesus? Why does Jesus repeat this greeting of peace in verse 21?

Do you struggle to believe that Jesus has peace for you in this season?

Read John 14:27

What kind of peace does the world offer us? How is the peace that Jesus offers to us different than the peace offered to us by the world?

Jesus seems to be saying that we have the choice whether or not our hearts are troubled and afraid. Why do you think its easier to be troubled and fearful than peaceful?

Do you believe there can be peace in the middle of chaos? Have you ever experienced that before? Share

Scripture includes many verses that can bring comfort and peace to the worried heart. **Read Psalm 56:3; Matthew 6:25-34; 1 Peter 5:6-7 and Philippians 4:6-7.**

How does the world teach us to cope with anxiety? How does the world's solution for anxiety differ from God's solution?

What prescription does each passage give for anxiety?

So what does it look like in real, practical ways this next week to put this prescription in to practice and experience the promise of peace with God?

How has the message of Jesus' resurrection brought peace into your life?

Looking back at this week's teaching and study, is there one thing you'd especially like to remember this week?

What questions do you still have? How can the group help you / pray for you?