

# Group Questions- *Working Faith*: Week 5

07/16/23 – Pastor Kirby

## *Getting to Know Me Questions:*

- What was the best part of your week so far?
- Who is your favorite person?

## *Into the Bible Questions:*

- What's something from this week's teaching that you learned, that stood out, interesting etc?
- **READ:** John 20:19-20
- Pastor Kirby talked about the 3 days of the Resurrection, how we will go through them several times in our lives and what we can do while in them.
  - Friday: Fear and Pain
    - We need to Reach out to friends: When you're going through challenges, do you find it easy or difficult to share all of it with someone? Why/Why Not?
    - Read: Matthew 26:36-39a – How did Jesus demonstrate this?
    - We need to Reach out to God: When you're going through challenges, do you find it easy or difficult to share all of it with God? Why/Why not?
    - Read: Mark 14:35-36 – How did Jesus demonstrate this?
  - Saturday: Confusion and Grief
    - Pastor Kirby asked: "Have you ever run from God out of confusion? Out of doubt? Out of pain? Out of grief?" What did that look and feel like for you? What was something you took away from that experience?
    - Pastor Kirby said: 'We get through the days of grief and fear by remembering the promises of God!' Is there a promise that you're holding onto? Is there a promise you're struggling to believe?
  - Sunday: Freedom and Joy
    - Read: Philippians 3:10
    - What word, phrase or idea sticks out to you in this verse? What about it?
- Read: Romans 10:9
  - Have you?

## *Application Questions:*

- What "day of the week" are you experiencing right now? Share that with someone!!
- Is there a response or action that Jesus demonstrated to us that you need to practice in your life?
- Gethsemane Prayer: (list separately)
- Affirm God's Power
- Express your Desire
- Jesus offered His trust – "Never the less..."

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1 Peter 2:19-21

<sup>19</sup> For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. <sup>20</sup> But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. <sup>21</sup> To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

John 20:19a

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders...

John 20:19b-20

...Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

### **3 Questions:**

- 1) What do I do in the days of fear and pain?
- 2) How do I get through the days of confusion and grief?
- 3) How do I get to the days of freedom and joy?

### **What did they do in the 3 days?**

- 1) Friday: Fear and Pain.

- a. Reach out to friends

Matthew 26:36-39a

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." <sup>37</sup> He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

<sup>39</sup> Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed...

**Emotions/feelings:** You don't repress them; you don't suppress them. You express them and you confess them.

Galatians 6:2

<sup>2</sup> Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

- b. Reach out to God

Mark 14:35-36

<sup>35</sup> Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup> "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

Gethsemane Prayer:

1. Affirm God's Power
2. Express your Desire
3. Jesus offered His trust – Never the less...

Hebrews 2:18

<sup>18</sup> Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Matthew 26:56

<sup>56</sup> But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

2) Saturday: Confusion and Grief

Matthew 26:31

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me

Mark 14:27

<sup>27</sup> ...Jesus told them, "All of you will desert me.

**Question:** Have you ever run from God out of confusion? Out of doubt? Out of pain? Out of grief?

How to get through the days of grief and fear? Remember the promises of God!

John 16:16, 20-22

<sup>16</sup> Jesus went on to say, "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me."  
<sup>20</sup> Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. <sup>21</sup> A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. <sup>22</sup> So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

2 Corinthians 1:20

<sup>20</sup> For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.

Isaiah 43:2-3

<sup>2</sup> **When** you pass through the waters,

**I will be with you;**

and **when** you pass through the rivers,

**they will not sweep over you.**

**When** you walk through the fire,

**you will not be burned;**

the flames will not set you ablaze.

<sup>3</sup> For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

Isaiah 61:2b-3

<sup>2</sup> ...to comfort all who mourn,

<sup>3</sup> and provide for those who grieve in Zion—

to bestow on them a crown of beauty  
instead of ashes,  
the oil of joy  
instead of mourning,

### 3) Sunday: Freedom and Joy!

Jesus said...

'When you know the truth, the truth will set you free.'

'I am the truth. I am the way, the truth, and the life.'

'And if the son sets you free, you are truly free.'

- We rely on the power of Jesus!

John 11:25-26

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Ephesians 1:18-21

<sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Philippians 3:10

<sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Romans 10:9

<sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.