

Easter 2017

Extended Verse Study:

This Week's Memory Verse Focus

“You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins.” Colossians 2:13

2017 Motto:

It's always 3:30 (John 3:30)

Ask yourself and apply to your daily prayer:

How can I apply the theme to my daily living and connect that understanding in my active part of the local Body of Christ where I am committed at HCC

Current Sermon Title:

Easter

Ask yourself how can participating in the soul habit practice of reforming the center of your life to Christ by making a Spiritual Formation Plan to be led by the love of God

1:	Read	Romans 3:23
2:	Read	Romans 6:23
3:	Read	John 3:16
4:	Read	Romans 10:9-10
5:	Read	Colossians 2:13-14
6:	Read	Romans 14:17, John 3:30

FOR THE GROUP: Working it out together

1. Pastor Steve said, "The Bible is a love story." Do you agree or disagree? Explain
2. Is there any past interpretation of God and His Word preventing you from moving into a deeper relationship with God or a deeper understanding of His Word? Explain.
3. Have you ever felt your sins are too great to connect to a Holy God? Read Romans 6:23.
4. In what way could you or did you change your focus upon realizing it's not your individual sins that prevent your closeness to God but a sinful nature we are all born equally with and we are all forgiven equally giving us the ability through faith in Jesus to be reunited to closeness to God. Read Romans 3:21-26.
5. Pastor Steve said, "In our present day, many human beings continue to live estranged from God and they don't have to." If our sinfulness separates us from God, how can we be reunited to God? Read Romans 10:9-10?
6. Pastor Steve said, "Because He (Jesus) defeated death, he defeated everything else that would keep you from being reconciled to God." Can anything separate you from the love of God? Read Romans 8:38-40.
7. The Bible is a love story about God's love for humanity. Read John 3:16-17 and Romans 5:5-11. How can you live daily as an active part in the love story of God?

FOR THE INDIVIDUAL: Take Away

Easter : Resurrection

- ...The cross is not about our sins but our sinfulness causing our death and Jesus giving His life so we can live
- ...The resurrection is not about Jesus death to life but Jesus being a bridge of life for whosoever believes in Him to be forgiven of sinfulness and reunited to God for eternal life.
- ...Jesus defeated death and everything that can keep us from reuniting to God.
- ... Easter is celebratory time to recognize the love of God for you
- ...The Bible shares the story of God's love for us individually and all of humanity.