COLONIAL HILLS 2023

EASTER APRIL 9, 2023 HERNANDO CAMPUS



KEY SCRIPTURE

John 2:13-22 Matthew 26:59-61 Matthew 28:1-8 1 Kings 6:7 John 14:16-17 1 Peter 2:4-6 Matthew 11:28-30

START TALKING. Find a conversation starter for your group.

• What is the most beautiful temple/church building of any faith that you have ever seen?

START THINKING. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

 Why do people of nearly every religion so often think that they have to be in a physical "holy place" to be able to meet with God?

START SHARING. Choose a question to create openness.

- Read John 2:13-22. Why was Jesus so passionate about how the Temple was being abused? Why do you think Jesus made the comparison of the Temple with his body?
- Read Matthew 28:1-8. How was Jesus's resurrection truly the reason why the temple would no longer be needed?
- Read 1 Kings 6:7. Talk about how this verse hints at how the Spirit of God will do a quiet work of transforming the "living stones" of the temple after Jesus rises from the dead.
- Read John 14:16-17 and 1 Peter 2:4-6. How is the Church the N.T. expression of the temple? How is this so very different from how people have sought the presence of God apart from the person and work of Jesus Christ?
- Read Matthew 11:28-30. Talk about how Jesus opened the way for anyone, anywhere to experience the love, forgiveness, and presence of God in their life?

START PRAYING. Be bold and pray with power.

 Spend time praising God for all that he has done in your life because of the resurrection of Jesus!

START DOING. Commit to a step and live it out this week. Share your story of salvation this week with someone who does not know Christ.