

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 3-21-2021

For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review

Look back over your sermon notes from this week's teaching. Discuss the message briefly. Was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

***Opener Question** Does anyone have a fear of flying? What makes fearful things difficult for you? Why or how do you face fear?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: John 19:26-27 "Mary At The Cross"

Digging Deeper: Read Matthew 16:24-27 and Galatians 2:20

1. Jesus said, *"Whoever wants to save their life will lose it"* (Mt. 16:25). The word "save" has the idea of rescuing from danger. How do we get past the fear of losing our life to have His life?
2. What does it mean to you to be crucified with Christ (Gal. 2:20)?
3. Can you explain how you submit the areas of your life to Christ?
4. Galatians 2:20 tells us to live our lives by faith in Christ. What does that mean?
5. What aspect of this topic of "losing our life to find life" is most difficult for you? Easiest?

Apply it today

Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?