

towards easter

20 March 2016

Key Texts

Psalm 7:14, 16

Proverbs 8:36

Jeremiah 2:17; 7:19; 44:7

John 13:34-35

Thinking & talking through the biblical text during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps. Here are some questions to get you started.

Reflection Questions

What questions and comments do you have about the sermon and supporting texts?

- Which of the passages (listed on the other side) spoke to you the most?

Read and reflect on at least some of the Easter week passages

Matthew 21-28; Mark 11-16; Luke 19:28-24:53; John 12-21

- Mike said that God isn't into laws for themselves, He's into people. How does this change or impact your understanding of sin? of forgiveness? of grace?
- If God wants to protect us and wants us to enter into the fullness and joy of life that He created for us, what is his response when we go our own way and squanders it?

Question 1

- Can we trust that everything God does and everything that God teaches and everything God says, He does out of a profound love for us and He does it for our well-being?
- How do you understand God's profound love?
- What does this type of trust look like?

Question 2

- Can we enter into and try to fathom the way, if only a little... that sin breaks the heart of God? Can we see the pain of the Father: feeling the rejection of His children and the grief that He has as we rebelliously go down our own ways and ignore His wisdom?
- How do we enter into and experience this?

Question 3

- If we can experience the Father's heart, His love for us and also the grief and the pain of sin that Calvary reveals. As we see that, can we love our Father and love ourselves enough to turn from it?
- What does "turning from it" look like? What does repentance look like for the Christian?

Thinking a little deeper

- How are you learning to walk in the freedom that God has already given you?