

Series - Open Topic
Topic - Easter Service

Date - 12 April 2020
Speaker - Ps. Jeremy Seaward

WELCOME [15 min]

You may want to look up the following websites for *icebreakers* suitable for your cell.

[Ice Breakers 1](#)

[Ice Breakers 2](#)

WORSHIP [15 min]

You may select songs like

1. Forever
2. Living Hope
3. Worthy is the Lamb

WORD [45 min]

Spiritual Objectives

At the end of the sermon discussion, cell members will:

1. Know the significance of Easter for all of mankind.
2. Desire to live out of the hope of Easter

Sermon Summary

The following are the key points of the sermon:

1. Our expectations in life must not be based on our reality but on the reality of the cross and the resurrection.
2. Because of Easter, there is hope for the hurting, the sick, the lost and we can have hope for eternity.

Sermon Recap (Full Summary)

Introduction

- Our lives are governed by expectations – we either lift our expectations to match our reality, or we lower our expectations to match our reality.
- Easter represents hope – it is an expectation of God-given good things that will come into our life in the future.

Passage: Luke 24:1-12

- The disciple's expectations died when they saw Jesus crucified.

- When they went to the tomb, they expected to see a dead and defeated Christ. Their expectations were low.
- But everything changed with these 3 words uttered by the angel – “He is Risen!”.
- The resurrection of Christ has brought hope to mankind.
- Likewise, our expectations in life can be lifted, especially during this season of lockdown, because of the resurrection of Christ!

What Has the Resurrection of Christ Done for Us? (Isaiah 53:4-6)

1. Hope for the Hurting
 - “Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering...” (vs. 4)
 - Christ has taken away our weakness, our sorrows.
 - There is restoration for broken lives because of the resurrection.
2. Hope for Sick
 - “...by his wounds we are healed.” (vs. 5)
 - There is healing promised to those who are sick.
3. Hope for the Lost
 - “We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.” (vs. 6)
 - There is hope for those who are feeling lost.
 - Because of Jesus’s resurrection, we now have a name that we can call on when we are lost. And, there is hope when we call on His name.
4. Hope for All Eternity
 - “...the punishment that brought us peace was on Him...” (vs. 5)
 - One day in the future when Christ returns, the dead in Him will rise and we will be with the Father in heaven for all eternity. This is our glorious hope as believers for all eternity.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **We have just gone through our first week of circuit-breaker. Share with the cell how your first week has been.**

Leaders’ Notes

This is the time for the cell to update each other on their daily life and struggles during the Circuit-Breaker. Some common struggles that may surface are – managing children, conflicts between married couples, mundaneness of life, etc. Also, don’t forget to ask how your members are doing spiritually through this week.

Transition (Wrapping Up & Moving To The Next Question)

The Circuit-Breaker has been a time of PAUSE for all of us. And life as we know it has not been the same. The struggles that we face in this season are real. That is why we need hope in our lives in this season.

2. **What is your relationship with the meaning of Easter? Is it significant in your life? Is it a truth that has gone cold in your life? Or is it one that continually brings you to a place of gratefulness for all that God has done?**

Leaders’ Notes

This question helps your members to see where they stand in relation to a very core belief in Christianity – that Christ rose from the dead. Many may respond that this truth has gone cold in their lives – it has been something that they have taken for granted in their lives. Therefore, challenge your members to take some time during this circuit-breaker to once again ponder on the miracle of Easter and God’s amazing love towards us.

Transition (Wrapping Up & Moving To The Next Question)

We must never forget as believers that Easter is a very significant event for our faith and has great implications for our lives!

- 3. Ps. Jeremy Seaward shared 4 implications of Easter – there is hope for the hurting, for the sick for those who are lost, and there is hope for eternity. Which of these implications mean the most to you during this Circuit-Breaker and why? Also, in light of this implication, how then will you live your life?**

Leaders’ Notes

This is an application question. These 4 implications affect us in one way and another. During this season of PAUSE, it is easy for our expectations in life to go down to match our reality. However, because of Easter, we have a hope that will never fade. Therefore, we must live in light of these implications, and not in light of our circumstances.

Transition (Wrapping Up, Vision Casting To Cell & Closing The Discussion)

Imagine that today is the end of the 30-day Circuit Breaker. What kind of life do you want to walk into the moment everything returns to “normal”? The message of Easter challenges us to live with greater purpose and hope in life. For many of us, this might not be the reality now. However, in this PAUSE season, God wants to raise our expectations and align our hearts and lives towards His purpose and hope for us. We all have the next few weeks of PAUSE to start building this hope and purpose in our lives. So, let’s not waste this season of PAUSE but allow God to align us and to shape us. Then, when the Circuit Breaker is finally over, we will be living in a new reality – a life lived based on the hope of the resurrection!

WORKS [10 min]

Let’s continue to pray for the COVID-19 situation:

1. For healing to come to those who are infected.
2. For protection for those at the frontlines.
3. For the foreign workers in our midst – that they will be protected and provided for during this season.
4. For families to grow stronger through this season.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Bible Reading (Nehemiah and 1 Peter)**

Beginning 20 April, we will be embarking on a Bible Reading Plan as a church so that we can grow deeper in His Word together. Look out for more details in the coming week.

Church Vision

“A radiant disciple-making church catalysing Kingdom transformation in our communities and the nations.”

Mission

We exist to make disciples who behold Christ and reveal Him.