

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN: *John 20:1-18*

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. What Easter traditions (religious or secular) do you observe? Why are they meaningful to you?
3. Are there new traditions you could begin in your celebration of Easter based on the events of the original Easter described in John 20?
4. Why is the resurrection of Christ so important to our faith? See 1 Corinthians 15:12-19.
5. What evidence do we have today that the resurrection of Christ was real?
6. 1 Peter 1:4 describes what our inheritance in Christ will NOT be (perishable, defiled, fading). What does Scripture say it WILL be like?
7. Is it possible to be a Christian and not believe in the resurrection of Jesus? Why or why not?
8. How can Christians use the way our secular culture celebrates Easter as a bridge to the Gospel?



PANDEMIC THROUGH THE LENS OF EASTER

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OUR MISSION

As we proclaim biblical truth, we cultivate relationships that are intimate with Christ, active in the Church, & loving the community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you thinking of volunteering during the summer with VBC Kids? Now is the time to plan ahead. Even just a few weeks would help. **The Children's Ministry is in need of Summer volunteers.** Contact Jennifer Dokken (jennifer@spokanevbc.org) for weeks where help is still needed.

JOIN OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Join our weekly e-newsletter! Each week, Afterthoughts features thoughts from the pastors, up-to-date information on events & announcements, and life group questions. Visit our home page at spokanevbc.org and scroll down to subscribe.

PRAYER

Send us your Praise & Prayer requests online at spokanevbc.org/prayer.

LIFE GROUPS

Even though Life Groups will not be meeting until the start of the new semester after Easter, we will still be making available the weekly Life Group questions. Utilize them for personal study as you continue to worship with the church, even though we are separated by physical distance. We would also encourage you to find ways such as phone calls, texts, and video conferencing to discuss and engage with the questions among your Life Group as a way to maintain fellowship and continue to grow together in Christ despite the current circumstances.

As we all know, life is still happening -- physical distance or not. Stay in contact, pray, identify and meet needs, and be there for one another. Now is when we need it most!

THOSE IN NEED

Please communicate with us if you have financial needs or know of someone who does. Because of your generosity and faithfulness in giving, we have enough financial reserves to pay our staff, pay the bills, and help those who are in need. Many have given specifically to assist anyone in financial distress. We are thankful for all those who continue to give at this time and stand ready to help those who cannot.



BRIDGE MINISTRY

Bridge Ministries provides pastoral, biblically based counseling free of charge to our church and the community. It is the guided process of applying biblical wisdom to the hurt in our lives, aimed at bridging the gap between you and your joy. Visit spokanevbc.org/bridge-ministries, or contact Pastor Chad Ingalls, our full-time Pastor of Counseling, at bridgeministries@spokanevbc.org for more information.

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GIVING REPORT

General: April \$41,120 / YTD \$249,704
Building Fund: Given \$1,079,938 / Loan Remaining Balance \$671,173