

Small Group Lesson
"Seven: Commit" Week 6

Purpose: What do you do when the sun quits shining and the world goes dark? You hold on. You hold on to what you know. God is still present even in the midst of our suffering. This week we close out our Lenten Journey and reconsider the incredible power of the Cross.

Leaders Note: Below is a short lesson so you have plenty of time for fellowship and if you choose a shared meal followed by Holy Communion. The video includes a set up for Communion. Take liberties in this final gathering of our Seven Small Group Series to wrap up as according to the needs of your group. Hopefully by now friendships have developed and sharing has deepened.

Please continue to encourage your group to invite friends and family to Easter Services while thanking them for saying yes to serve.

Angela Nevling will follow up sometime after Easter to learn how we can serve your group going forward. Thank you again for leading and allowing us to be a part of your 2018 Lenten journey to the cross.

Suggested Group Check In: Does your family have any Easter traditions? What are your 2018 Easter plans?

Opening Prayer:

Memory Verse: "I want to know Christ - yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his suffering, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection of the dead."
Philippians 3:10

Scripture Readings and Questions:

Philippians 3:10

- Read, then recite our memory verse out loud together. How does this verse challenge you?

Luke 23:44-46

- How has your relationship with your earthly father shaped or impacted who God is to you? How has that understanding impacted your relationship with your Heavenly Father?
- What would you have felt like had you witnessed Jesus' crucifixion if you didn't know the resurrection was coming?
- Are you a trusting person? Why or why not? How would you measure your level of trust in God?
- What do the Seven last words of Jesus from the cross teach us about the importance of faith in God during the dark chapters of our lives?

WATCH THE VIDEO (Time – 9 Minutes)

Share in the Sacrament

Closing Comments and Prayer