

The Door of Easter: What Jesus Opened on the Cross

Part 3: A New Family

Small Group Curriculum

Worship

Listen to a Worship song (If you need suggestions you can use one from the YouTube Playlist for this week) or express something that you are thankful to God for.

Welcome

1. Check In – How is everyone doing (good things, lessons learned, prayers answered)?

Word

2. Have you ever had a second family (a family that was not your own, but they treated you like family)?
3. Read John 19:23-27
4. How do you think Mary (Jesus' mother) would have felt being at the cross?
5. How do you think John felt, being the only disciple there?
6. Have you ever had someone "stand by" you are you went through something difficult?
7. Leonard Sweet in his book "Nudge" says, "Sometimes it's less about our witness than our withness. In fact, our best witness is our withness. To be a witness you have to have withness." Why is "withness" important?
8. Jesus cares for his mother by placing her into a new family. God does the same thing when we step into a faith relationship with Christ, we become a part of the family/community of God. What are some of the blessings of being in the family of God? How can it sometimes be difficult?
9. What is one thing you can apply to your life from this lesson?

Witness

How can we practice "withness" during this time?

Prayer

Pray for any other concerns that your group has.