



Sermon Discussion Guide Resurrection Sunday -Tim Knipp 4/20/2025

Hook - Getting to know one another

- *How is everyone doing this week? Add other questions to get to know one another, especially ones related to the topic in the sermon.*
- As you are willing, share a time when you felt that your heart was out of sync with the heart of God. What was a “Jason” moment for you?
- How do you feel in this moment as you reflect on that moment?

Book - Scripture

- *Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand **what the text is saying**:*
 - *Read Genesis 50:19-20 and Acts 2:22-39*
- What stood out to you from these passages?
- How do you see these passages connecting?
- Thinking about Peter’s own story of betraying Jesus, why do you think he calls out his fellow Israelites?
- Imagine for a moment that you are one of Peter’s audience. How do you think it would have felt to hear that you had put your God and Messiah to death and yet what you had intended for evil would be the way in which God would defeat death?

Look - Connections to our world today

- *This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what’s wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc. (If possible print out maps of the world, USA, or of the local area and have writing and drawing materials at hand)*
- How do you feel knowing that even when your heart is not as it ought to be, God can use your evil for good?
- How might God’s tendency to bring good even out of evil shape your prayers in your life, in your community, and in your society?
- How do you imagine living in the light that death and sin have been defeated to shape how you live this week?



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Took - Personal Application

- *This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.*
- In the Christian tradition, prayers of confession, both personal and communal, have played an important role in the life of the church. Today we extend the invitation to this rich practice. *[Note: for the following confession portion, you can either print out the following, write it so everyone can see it, or have people repeat after you. It is encouraged to participate vocally]*
- Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will. We have broken your law. We have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors. We have not heard the cry of the needy. And we have not cared for your creation. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through JEsus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- Take time in silence to confess anything that is on your heart.
- And together we declare the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love towards us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
- To finish, we can do a facial massage prayer. Starting from the forehead and working our way down, massage your face. As you do so, imagine that God is molding you to look more like Him. What would the Father want to say to you? Where does Jesus delight over you? Where is the Holy Spirit inviting you to His new way?

Time of Prayer