

Family Fellowship, Week Beginning 13th April

Easter Sunday brought us to 1 Corinthians 15, and so we'll spend this week in the first few verses of that chapter. Over the course of the week we'll think about how Jesus didn't just die on our behalf, but also rose to defeat death and give us hope and a future with him.

I'm praying for you all as you spend more and more time together, and that time in God's word will be a real benefit to you and your families.

Scott

MONDAY 13TH APRIL

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:1-2

Chat: This week we are looking at the passage that Robin spoke about on Sunday, and it's all about the events of Easter. What do we celebrate at Easter time? (*Take answers*) Exactly. This passage tells us all about the events of Jesus' death and resurrection.

The verses we have just read tell us about the importance of believing in the gospel – that means believing in who Jesus is and what he has done in his life, death and resurrection. Paul, who wrote this, says it's so important to believe in this good news because believing in this good news is how we are saved!

What does the gospel save us from do you know? (*Take answers*) Yes, the gospel saves us from our sins, and it gives us life with Jesus – forever! This is the good news that we will be thinking about this week!

Pray: Thank God for the good news of the Easter story. Thank you that he makes a way for us to be saved. Pray for your loved ones who don't yet believe in and love Jesus.

TUESDAY 14TH APRIL

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:1-3

Chat: This week we are thinking about the events of the Easter story. What do we celebrate at Easter? (*Take answers*)

The first thing Paul wants us to think about is the death of Jesus. This maybe the nicest thing to think about, but it's really important. And it's really important because Paul doesn't just say Jesus died, but he says that Jesus died for our sins. That means Jesus died in our place. Wow.

Do you realise that all of our sin - the good things we don't do and the bad things we do do, even down to the smallest, tiniest sin – all of our sin deserves death. Sin is pretty serious! It is an offence to God, and it needs to be dealt with. Sin separates us from God, it means we can't come near him or know him or have a relationship with him. If you were to sum up sin in one word, what would it be? (*Take answers*) Sin is a big problem.

But sin is a problem that Jesus dealt with for us if we believe in him. Jesus died for our sins! He took the punishment we deserve, he took our sins upon himself and he died so that we might have life and live with him forever! Jesus, who never ever sinned, who was completely without sin, died so sinful people like us could go free! How does it feel to know that Jesus loves you so much that he did this for you? (*Take answers*)

Pray: Thank Jesus for his incredible sacrifice and love. Pray for those who making sacrifices at the moment – those who work for the health service, those who work in supermarkets and anyone else is still working outside their homes.

WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Chat: This week we are thinking about the events of the Easter story. What do we celebrate at Easter? (*Take answers*)

Yesterday we thought about Jesus' death. Why did Jesus die? (*Take answers*)

Yes, Jesus died for our sins, on our behalf, to save us and give us life if we believe in him. Was Jesus death the end of the story though? (*Take answers*)

No! Jesus rose from the dead! That's the most amazing thing that has ever happened! Jesus rose from the dead, defeating death! In rising from the dead, Jesus proved himself to be who he said he was – God's son – and more than that, he shows us that he is powerful and that we can trust him! If death could not defeat Jesus, surely we can give our lives to him and know that he will look after us!

Think about it.... Jesus rose from the dead. He really did. How would you sum that up in one sentence? (*Take answers*) And Jesus rose from the dead for your good, because he loves you and wants to take care of you – amazing!

Pray: Thank Jesus that he defeated death and that he will take care of us. Pray for your loved ones that you miss seeing.

THURSDAY 16TH APRIL

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:3-7

Chat: This week we are thinking about the events of the Easter story. What do we celebrate at Easter? (*Take answers*) This week we have thought Jesus' death which he died on our behalf, and Jesus' resurrection in which he showed he powerful over death and able to be trusted.

But what Jesus do after he rose from the dead? Did he go back to heaven immediately? Did he disappear for good? What did he do? (*Take answers*) This passage tells us. Jesus appeared to people – he showed himself to people to prove that he had risen, to prove who he was. You see if Jesus didn't actually rise from the dead, Christianity wouldn't be true and we would have no hope. But he actually did rise from the dead! And he showed himself to **loads** of people so that we could know for sure that he is who he says he is. Believing in Jesus isn't hoping for the best, it's knowing the truth – Jesus has defeated death, he is to be trusted and he gives us a future with him. How does it feel to know this Jesus? (*Take answers*)

Pray: Thank Jesus that we can know he rose from the dead and that we can trust in him. Pray for the Cuthbert family that we heard from on Sunday!

FRIDAY 17TH APRIL

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:8-11

Chat: This week we are thinking about the events of the Easter story. What do we celebrate at Easter? (*Take answers*) This week we have thought Jesus' death which he died on our behalf, Jesus' resurrection in which he showed he powerful over death and able to be trusted, and also Jesus appearing to others to prove who he was.

Jesus also appears to us. We might not see him in person. We might not actually hear his voice like we would hear our parent's voice, but through his word – the bible which we have just read! – Jesus speaks to us, and more than that, Jesus speaks to us through his Holy Spirit, who moves in our hearts to help us believe in Jesus and helps us to become more like him. We haven't done anything to deserve this, in fact the Easter story tells us all we deserve is death! But this is grace – completely undeserved, unearned favour from God given to us out of love. And because of grace we can be saved, we can have our sin taken care of, we can believe in Jesus and be looked after by Jesus. How does it feel to know about grace this Easter time? (*Take answers*)

Pray: Thank God for his grace.

SATURDAY 18TH APRIL

Chat: What was the best thing you learned about this week? What was the most fun thing you did this week?

Pray: Pray that what you learned this week will stay with you. Take prayer request and pray for them.

SUNDAY 19TH APRIL

Chat: Watch the service streamed online. What was the kids talk about? What did you learn about from Robin?

Pray: Pray for our church family and for the week ahead.