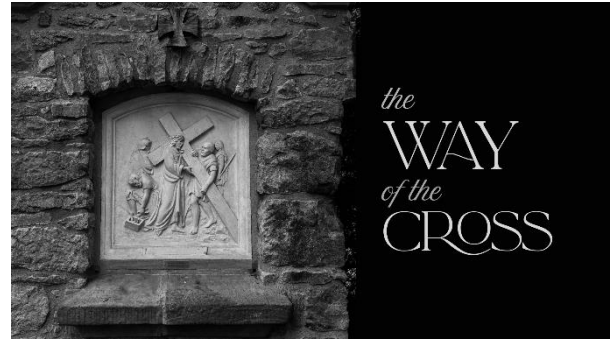


Discipleship Group

SERIES

QUESTIONS



The Way of the Cross Message Series

We live in a time when many people feel worn down, distracted, and unsure what really matters. Lent is a season when the church slows down and asks an honest question: What actually brings life? In this series, *The Way of the Cross*, we're going to look at the cross of Jesus—not as a symbol we've grown used to, but as the center of our faith and the path Jesus calls us to walk. During Lent, we're inviting our church to walk this road together through prayer and Scripture, keeping Jesus at the center. Our hope is simple: that by the time we reach Easter, the resurrection will feel like the natural result of a journey we've been walking all along—a deeper trust in Jesus and a clearer sense of what really matters.

WEEK 7 Background

After weeks of slowing down, confessing, and reflecting, Easter arrives not as a sudden mood shift but as the unveiling of what God has been doing all along. The resurrection is not simply a return to life – it is **victory and new creation**. The cross was not defeat; it was the path through which death and evil were overcome. This week we celebrate the risen Christ and ask what it means to live now as people shaped by hope rather than fear.



WEEK 7 Reading

John 20:1-18, 2 Corinthians 5:17

Discipleship Questions

- What do we learn about God in this passage?
- What is God teaching the people in the passage?
- What is the Holy Spirit teaching you personally?
- What will you do with what God is teaching you?

WEEK 7 Questions

- In John 20, what details stand out in the resurrection story? Why might those details matter?
- What emotions do you notice in Mary Magdalene and the disciples as the story unfolds?
- In 2 Corinthians 5:17, what do you think “new creation” means beyond personal improvement?
- What are some subtle ways we live as if resurrection hasn't happened – and what helps us remember?
- Why is resurrection more than simply “coming back to life”? What is actually new or different?
- How does seeing Easter as victory – not just relief – reshape how we understand the cross?

