

Sermon Date: Sunday, 4 April 2021

Speaker: Pastor Walker Schurz

Sermon Title: Easter, Strength for Today, Bright Hope for Tomorrow

Key Scripture: Romans 6:1-11

Greetings!

Welcome to this week's Connection Group meeting. This meeting is ***specially designed for you.*** God designed us to live in community. He placed different gifts on each one of us. The Connection Group meeting is a great place for you to express your gifts and be blessed by other people's gifts. The Apostle Peter puts it this way in **1 Peter 4:10-11 NLT** *"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever!"* So be part of today's meeting and be **edified, encouraged, comforted** and **strengthened** as you also bless others with your gifts. Life is always better connected to others. Stay connected.

Pastor Walker shared an Easter sermon entitled '**Easter; Strength for Today, Bright Hope for Tomorrow**'. Easter comprises of the Death, Burial and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. However, this sermon focuses on the Resurrection of Jesus, the very heart of our Christian faith. So how does this resurrection which took place many years back impact your life today? How does it provide hope for your future? Let's discuss!

Before we get into our Easter discussion, did you know that the process of prayer has guiding Principles? Don't be left out! Come and understand the **Principles of Prayer** that could enable you to pray more effectively by joining the School for Life class on **Saturday, 10 April** from **09:00 hours to 12:00 hours** in Classroom 3, **NextGen Building**. Sign up via our website www.mlfc.org or the MLFC Mobile App.

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God bless you!

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THIS WEEK'S STUDY: EASTER, STRENGTH FOR TODAY, BRIGHT HOPE FOR TOMORROW

A Getting to Know Each Other

Share the highlight of your Easter weekend and explain why that moment was so special.

B Digging Deeper and Application

Key Text: Romans 6:1-11 NKJV, Romans 8:9-11 NLT, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 NKJV and 1 Corinthians 15:51-55 NKJV.

1. The Resurrection of Jesus is at the heart of our Christian faith. How does this Resurrection impact you to think differently about sin and temptation? **Read Romans 6:4 NKJV**
2. Have you been trying to overcome sin in your own strength or own will power? How has that worked out for you? What should you do differently? **Read Romans 8:9-11 NLT**
3. The Resurrection of Jesus changes the way we see the future for ourselves and others. Read **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 NKJV and 1 Corinthians 15:51-55 NKJV.**
 - (a) Does thinking about your own death still bring a "sting"? Explain why or why not.
 - (b) Concerning the death of a Christian friend or relative, how can you practically "grieve with hope"?

C Take Home

Jesus' Resurrection gives us strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow. Write down ways in which you will be intentionally motivated to experience the power of His resurrection in your day-to-day life. Remember, Jesus came that you may have life to the fullest. Don't miss out.