

Cross of Hope Making Faith Connections Small Group Ministry Schedule

May 15, 2022 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Experience the Mystery of Easter – Confidence in the Face of Love

15 Minutes

Gathering, Hospitality, Check-in with Each Other...

Where were you 40 years ago?

How have you changed in that time?

What have been significant moments along the way?

Opening Prayer

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

45 Minutes

Discussion Questions:

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Why is it important/helpful to honor significant moments in time?

What determines a significant moment in time?

Read again Revelation 21:1-6

Discuss the love of God revealed here.

How does this give us confidence for the journey?

What does it mean to you that God holds all time?

Explore and respond to the good news that God is 'making all things new.'

- how is that happening today?

- how are you called to participate in this resurrection life/work?

Read again John 13:31-35

Connect this text assigned to Maundy Thursday to this time in Easter!

How does love give confidence?

How does that impact the journey of life and faith?

Why is it important for others to know you're a disciple of Jesus?

How do people know you are a disciple of Jesus?

Is it important that Jesus 'has loved you' first in commanding you to love others? Why or why not?

Read again Romans 15:5-13

Explore verse 13 in relationship to the ministry of Cross of Hope.

How is a guiding verse helpful for faithful living?

If you have one, share a guiding verse for your life.

Does it/can it change?

What are your hopes for the future?

20 Minutes

Prayer Requests and Prayer

10 Minutes

Wrap Up and Get Ready to Leave Session: Conversation about details for the next session...place, day, time, and volunteer Host. Remember...bring a Bible, watch the Sunday worship and sermon in preparation for the group session.

Maximum amount of time...90 minutes. Time used for each component is flexible depending on the agreed upon needs of the group for that session.

