

CONNECT Group study questions for April 5th, 2020
“The Crucifixion of Jesus”

This week continues our Easter series, and we will be in Matthew’s Gospel. Next week we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead!

Prayer for the Week of April 5th: Our Easter series continues this week. Last week we asked everyone in our church to invite someone who doesn’t know Christ to watch the service with them on Easter. Continue to pray for everyone in our church that they would be bold in their witness for Christ during this great but challenging opportunity. Pray for the person God wants you to invite, and, if you haven’t already, invite them this week! Pray for the staff and elders as they continue to work to get everything ready to have lots of unchurched people watch our service on Easter. Pray that the people who are invited would watch, hear the gospel, be saved, and then be disciplined into Christ-like missionaries.

1. **Read Matthew 26:36-46.** Think through Matthew’s account of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane as well as the accounts in the other Gospels. What happened in the garden? What does it tell us about ourselves? What does it tell us about Jesus?

2. **Read Matthew 27:15-23.** Think through Matthew’s account of the criminal Barabbas. What happens in this story? Which character do you think Matthew wants us to identify with in this story? How is this account a beautiful picture of the gospel?

3. Challenge each other in your group to invite at least one person to our online Easter service so they might hear the gospel. Take some time in your group to share your experience with sharing your faith during this difficult time. Who do you plan to invite? What advice do you have to offer? Pray for those who are being invited.