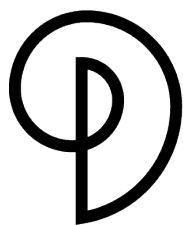
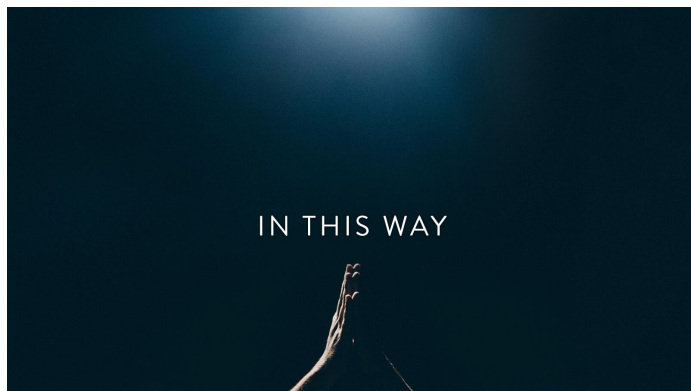


SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



PRINCE
OF PEACE
Called to Connect



In This Way ... Rise

March 30 & 31, 2024

Many of us feel inadequate in our prayer life; we worry that we will get prayer “wrong.” Throughout this seven-week series, you will be guided through many types of prayer. To pray “In This Way” gives us many paths of entering a holy conversation with God by following the example of Jesus.

SCRIPTURE TEXT: LUKE 24:1-12

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

Because of this day, this Easter day, each day is a day of resurrection. Because of this day, this Easter day, we can celebrate the power of God's love within us and through us, not just making a difference in the world but creating hope for a different world altogether! Because of this day, this Easter day, we embrace the power of life over death, and we give voice and witness to this power of new life that changes everything. The Good News of Easter is that now the possibilities are endless; resurrection changes everything!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- It's spring! What signs of new growth are you seeing around you? Within you?
- ***The story sounded like nonsense, so they didn't believe it. However, Peter jumped up and ran to the tomb to look. (Luke 24:11-12a)*** What stories (in the Bible or otherwise) have you heard and dismissed as nonsense? Have you ever instead, like Peter, taken the initiative to look closer? What did you discover? How did it change your life? How can you take the initiative to hear the Easter story in a new, life-changing way this year? How can you share the Easter story with others so that they can dare to believe?
- ***It's Easter, and we are Easter people who dare to claim that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus change everything! Easter is always about new beginnings.*** Is that good news for you? What kind of heat have you endured in your life? What fire are you trying to put out today? What new beginning are you seeking?
- ***The message of Easter is a bold statement that from the scorched earth of our relational terrain emerges the promise for new growth as we nurture new ways of caring and serving.*** As a group, brainstorm some new ways of caring and serving that you can nurture as a response to the Good News of Easter.

INVITATION: *The last word in this story and our story is the resounding first word of life. Hopeful life! Real life! Authentic, honest, thriving life!* Join us for our upcoming worship series that's all about thriving life!