

The Vineyard at NFUMC: Monthly Topics for 2021

March: Lent

Ideas:

Read through Lenten devotional from the church together
Ask one another about new spiritual practices that may be helpful
Discuss what Lent means to you personally and communally.

April: Resurrection and New Life

Ideas:

Ice breaker questions:

What does the Resurrection of Jesus mean to you?
Where are you seeing new life right now?
What might you need to “let die” in order for new life to spring forth?

The pastors will be doing a series on the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus. You could also have discussions based on these biblical stories and sermons:

Scripture: John 11:4-16
Thomas

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35
Emmaus (Cleopas + 1)

Peter
Scripture: John 21:1-19

Mary
John 20:11-18

Great Commission
Scripture: Matthew 28:11-20

Acts 9:1-9
Matt: Paul on the road to Damascus

May: The Holy Spirit

Ideas:

Read through Acts 2:1-21 and discuss what happened on Pentecost Sunday

Ice breaker questions:

Who/What is the Holy Spirit?

How do you feel the Spirit working in your life?

Why don't we talk too much about the Holy Spirit in church, while we seem to hear a lot more about Jesus and God?

June: Sabbath and Rest

Ideas: Read through Genesis 1 and the story of Creation. God rested. What does this mean for us?

Questions:

Where do you need rest in your life right now?

How are you making time for Sabbath rest?

What do you need to make Sabbath a routine occurrence?

Bible study:

Jesus had several occasions where he rested and went off to pray Pick a few of these and contemplate what this teaches us:

After the multiplication of loaves—Mark 6:46: And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

Immediately before choosing his twelve apostles—Luke 6:12: In these days he went into the hills to pray; and all night he continued in prayer to God.

Before Peter's profession of faith that Jesus is the Christ—Luke 9:18: Now it happened that as he was praying alone the disciples were with him; and he asked them, "Who do the people say that I am?"

Immediately before the Transfiguration—Luke 9:28: Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.

Before teaching the Our Father—Luke 11:1: He was praying in a certain place, and when he ceased, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

Upcoming:

July: Finding Fulfillment

August: Prayer

September: Reset

October: Servant Leadership

November: Thankfulness

December: Christ Among Us