

COLOR BLESSED

Week 2 - Color-Blessed Family

SERMON RECAP:

This past weekend, we joined as a church family in celebration of Jesus' death and resurrection. The celebration of Jesus' resurrection invites us to participate in His life, mission, and kingdom. Part of our mission as Christ followers is to embody His multiethnic family. Throughout the Easter season, we're reminded of Jesus' power, but we're also introduced to a new way of living.

Because of Jesus' resurrection, our tragedies of this world are resurrected into triumphs. We may not see the fruit of that redemption on this side of heaven, but we can hope in this truth.

As we celebrate Easter, we rejoice in our transformation from enemies of God to His beloved children. We also gain siblings from our Father! Easter reminds us that God created a new colorful family of brothers and sisters, just like He promised to Abraham in the book of Genesis.

Jesus' resurrection invites us into a new family. We can rejoice in His resurrection not only because it brings us salvation, but because it also brings us a community in which to belong!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Upward

- Read Romans 3:22. Jesus offers us His righteousness. What does this tell you about His heart for you?
- What does the verse mean when it says there is no difference between Jew and Gentile? How does God see Jews and how does He see Gentiles?

Inward

- At the second coming of Christ, we will experience bodily resurrection. In the present, we experience spiritual resurrection when we say yes to following Jesus and He comes to live in us through the power of His Spirit. How have you seen resurrection in your life? How can you fully participate in the resurrection offered to us?

Outward

- Have you ever thought about Easter as an invitation into a color-blessed family? How might you live this truth out in a new way?
- Read 1 Corinthians 15:53-55. In His death and resurrection, Jesus defeated sin, death, and evil, but we still see the effects of brokenness and sin on this side of heaven. How does the truth of these verses change your perspective on the state of our world? How does this change the way you participate in God's mission on earth?

Soul Tattoo: Bow your knee and give your allegiance to King Jesus.

Action Step: Come back next week as we celebrate baptisms.