



Easter Sermon Notes - April 4, 2021

For God & Country

BIG IDEA:

Jesus Christ left the confines of His Kingdom to live in our broken one for a reason. We live in a fallen world and yet still feel the longing for a better one, where does that come from? And how has the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ changed the course of human history while offering us an incredible promise for our future.

SCRIPTURES:

- Colossians 3:1-2
- Hebrews 13:14
- Hebrews 11:8-10
- Romans 8:18-25
- John 14:1-6

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Have you felt a longing for a better home, deeper relationships, and perfection? Why?
- Why do we notice the things that are wrong in the world more than the right?
- What is it about this life that frustrates you and why?
- Hebrews 13:14 For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come.* What is it about this promise that excites you?
- Jesus taught us to pray- *"Your Kingdom come your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."* What does that mean and how does it affect your prayer life?

COMMENTARY:

The three great classes of symbols which I propose to consider, appeal to three deep cravings of the self, three great expressions of man's restlessness, which only [God] can fully satisfy. The first is the craving which makes him a pilgrim and wanderer. It is the longing to go out from his normal world in search of a lost home, a "better country"; an Eldorado, a Heavenly place. The next is that craving of heart for heart, of the soul for its perfect mate, which makes him a lover. The third is the craving for inward purity and perfection, which makes him an ascetic, and in the last resort a saint. ~ Evelyn Underhill

