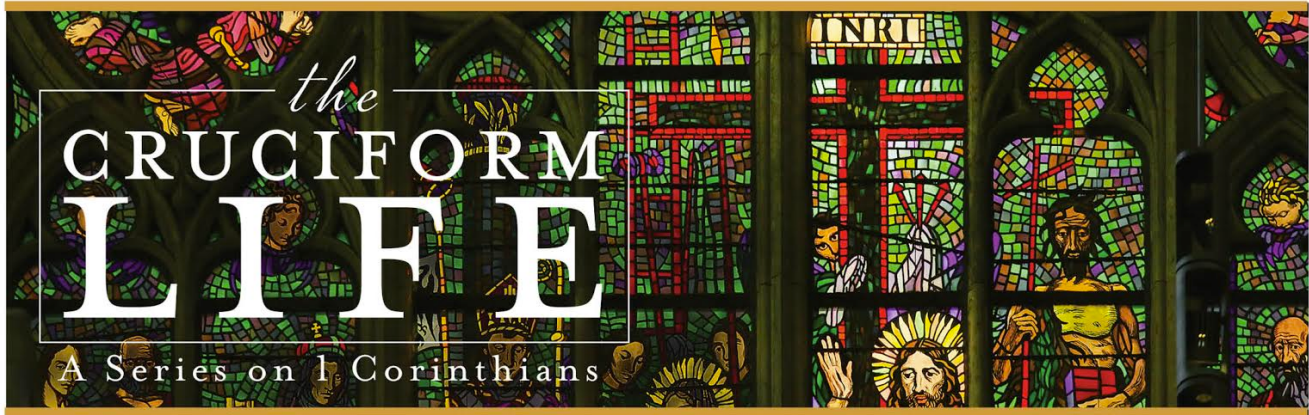




REFLECTION GUIDE

2018 Lent Sermon Series



This week we celebrate the Risen Christ! This Easter Sunday, both Corey and Derek preached Cruciform Hope from 1st Corinthians 15.

READ

1 Corinthians 15: 1-6, 13-19

REFLECT

1. Both of our Pastors began the sermon by asking us to diagnose our own lives. They contrasted the normative understanding of life as a hopeless circle with the radical J-curve of Jesus' story. How does this discussion of shapes echo in your life?
2. Where were you feeling hopeless or apathetic entering this Easter? What parts of your life were in dire need of resurrection?
3. Paul Miller had three ways to enter this amazing story: Faith, Hope, and Love. How does faith allow you to connect your story to Christ's story? How does suffering lead to resurrection? How does love take the shape of this J curve?

PRAY

- + Confess to God how often we have focused on our own stories and lost hope in the overarching narrative of Christ's redemption.
- + Ask God to help us better live in the hope He has given to us.
- + Thank God for providing cruciform hope in Christ!
- + Pray for spiritual renewal and revival in our community.

PRACTICE

- + Joining Jesus' life requires repentance and faith. Derek and Corey suggested using the language of Luke 15 to engage with repentance. Have an open conversation with God this week, including repentance and faith.
- + The pastors challenged us to "join a J Curve community." Are you currently involved in a community that challenges you to live in this redemptive shape? Take practical steps this week to further commit to a community like this, either Parish groups or something else.