

OIKOS 2020 Practice - dying and rising

1) As you ponder practicing dying and rising....what does it mean to you to be walking wet (consistently living out the baptismal promise of dying to sin and rising to Christ)?

2) If practicing dying and rising is about transformation, what is scary about that transformation? What is encouraging?
(remember this transformation is never complete until we meet Jesus)

3) Share a time when in your OIKOS when you needed someone to lift you up, using words of encouragement, signs of friendship, strength for the day ahead or whatever this looks like for you but name it here. How might practicing dying and rising each day help you be uplifted?

4) Based on the readings for the week:

a) What does Jesus mean to deny or die to ourselves? How is this linked with picking up our cross

Readings for this week:

- Matthew 16:21-28
- Matthew 26:37-39
- Matthew 20:20-28
- Galatians 5:13-26

b) Why does Jesus pray that God take this cup (death) away from him, yet he still surrenders to God's will that His only Son take on our burden of death?

c) What does it mean for Jesus to tell his disciples that the first shall be last and the last shall be first?

d) Paul reminds us that we are called into freedom. Name the nine fruits of the spirit that help us see an image of the Kingdom as we die and rise to Christ? Bonus: What does the spirit have to do with our dying and rising?

5) Questions regarding the teaching or the readings? Please submit at least 1 question per person, attach their name to each question please. Remember, there are no stupid questions.

6) Practice daily baptismal remembrances. What do these look like? Is water involved? Give some examples here. (Shower, Washing hands, etc)