EASTER EGG COLLECTION

Instead of our large community-wide Easter egg hunt, volunteers will be hiding eggs at homes all across our city this year. Here's how you can help:

- Take an egg bag found in the Lobby and write your information on the sheet
- Fill it with 100 plastic eggs with an individually wrapped candy inside each.
- Return it to church by Sunday, March 28th

ZOOM PRAYER

Wednesdays @ 7pm (new time)

We just met for the 52nd time this past week. We have had a consistent group of 8-10 people, but would like to invite others to join. Contact Barry with your interest (<u>barry@newharvestch.org</u>). The new year for Zoom prayer begins this Wednesday evening, March 17th @ 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

NEW HARVEST FOOD BANK

This Saturday, March 20th, New Harvest hosts a Food Bank, 9am-11am, serving our neighbors who need assistance. Thanks to your generous donations & serving hearts, we continue to show Christ's love to our community in this way twice a month.

SMART & READY—MEN'S MEETING

Saturday, March 27, 8-9am

Men meet once a month for an interactive men's connection to grow in our faith and to have fellowship with other men from New Harvest. Topic: What Is Satan Up To?

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Wednesday, March 31 @ 7pm in the Auditorium

Good Friday, April 2 @ 7pm online at newharvestch.org/live

Come and experience the "Way of the Cross" in a guided format that will allow you to be still in the quiet presence of the Lord.

SERVE IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We are excited to launch our Preschool (2 & 3 year olds) class in April but we need 4-6 people who are willing to serve once or twice per month. This is an exciting sign of families returning to in-person ministry! If you would be interested in serving in this way, please indicate "Children's Ministry" on your connection card and Karen will contact you.

Welcome Guests & Visitors

We are delighted you chose to attend our gathering today. Use our online Connection Card (<u>newharvestch.org/connect</u>) to share your prayer requests and to let us know that you joined us today.



SUNDAY GATHERING: 10:00 AM WE WERE CREATED FOR CONNECTION

MARANATHA

Today we take a look at an important theme in Jesus' teaching: the coming of the Kingdom of God.

Luke 17:20-37

* The <u>Already</u>

The Kingdom of God is in your midst, within you . . . "inside."

Romans 8:9, "The Spirit of God lives in you."

The future implications of the Kingdom of God are extremely different . . . "one taken, the other left." (verse 34)

* The Not Yet

1) Delay - How long?

Genuine believers long for its arrival.

Il Peter 3:9, "not wanting anyone to perish."

Just like in Noah's day, the delay will end . . .

2) Suddenly - like lightning

The Son of Man is revealed = $\frac{\text{apocalypse}}{\text{(verse 30)}}$

I Thessalonians 5:3, "destruction will come on them suddenly"

The followers of Christ are <u>taken up</u> and the wrath of God descends.

3) Ready or Not - here it comes

How does a believer live in light of this certainty?

Luke 18:1-8, "Always pray and not give up!"

Will Jesus find faith on the earth? Yes

Reflective Questions

- 1)How do you perceive the end times? What is your perspective?
- 2)What impresses you the most about Jesus' teaching concerning the coming of the Kingdom of God? How does it motivate you?
- 3)How would you describe your readiness for Christ's second coming?

