

# TREES OF LIFE

**GO FURTHER | APRIL 10 | CHRIST AND THE CROSS**

## START TALKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- DID YOU RECEIVE EASTER BASKETS EASTER SUNDAY MORNING GROWING UP? IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN, DO YOU DO THAT WITH THEM? WHY OR WHY NOT?

## START THINKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- Read Psalm 1:1-3. What words or phrases stand out to you?
- What practices can keep us close to God, like a tree planted by a riverbank?
- Read 1 Peter 2:24. What words or phrases stand out to you?
- Why did Jesus die for us? What heals us?

## START SHARING | CHOOSE A QUESTION TO CREATE OPENNESS.

- Three men are changed by their encounter with Jesus.
- Read Luke 23:26; Luke 23:39-43; Luke 23:47. What words or phrases stand out to you?
- Which one of the men do you most resonate with? Why?
- We see the briefest encounters matter, it is never too late and no sin is too great.
- How can you remind yourself this week even the quickest interactions matter?
- Is there someone you are praying for who has yet to follow Jesus? If you feel comfortable, share it with the group. Keep praying for them.

## START PRAYING | BE BOLD AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Lord God, we confess there are days we are consumed with the ideas that we are not good enough; that you could never forgive us; that it is too late for us. May your Holy Spirit remind us it is never too late for any of us. And all it takes is the smallest bit of faith in your son to send us on a journey of hope, healing and wholeness that we could never have imagined. By his wounds, indeed, we are healed. It is in our resurrected Savior's name we pray together, Amen.

## START DOING | COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- For more on Holy Week, check out this 3-day devotional: <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/24676-holy-week>