**Sermon Based Small Group: Easter**

**Romance in the War Zone**

**Introduction**

* What Easter memories did you create this year?

**Kelsey**

* Read Deuteronomy 1:30
* The cross is the ultimate statement that our God goes before us.
	+ Read 2 Corinthians 5:21
	+ What difference does it make in your life today, knowing that God has gone before you, dying in your place?

**Rick**

* How does God fight for us? Where did the fight start?
	+ Read Colossians 2:13 - 15.
	+ Israel did not believe that God would fight for them. Are we much different?

**Dave**

* What are the first fruits? How is Jesus the first fruit?
	+ Read 1 Corinthians 15:20 - 24.
	+ Talk about Pastor Dave’s statement:

After journeying through the wilderness, when Israel arrives in Canaan, they are to give their firstfruits to God. After a journey through the wilderness, when Jesus arrives in glory, He gives us the very best, himself, as a taste of what is to come.

**Mel**

* What are the first fruits? How is Jesus the first fruit?
	+ Read 1 Corinthians 15:42 -44; 53 - 56..
	+ Talk about Pastor Mel’s statement:

Are you living in that hope? Is this morning a “Good” morning? ***Remember the resurrection!*** Jesus Christ, my living hope. That truth is not ***invalidated*** by the battles of life; it is ***the validation*** that my battle does not have to define me nor determine how I see today.

**Prayer**

* Romance in the War Zone describes our journey. Thank God for the steps you walked with Him this week.
* There are people who are struggling and hurting in this pandemic. Do you know any? Pray for them. Pray for each other that you would struggle well.