

TUESDAY
BIBLE
STUDY

**LIFE
MANAGEMENT**

BY RICK
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Practical.
Engaging.
Uplifting.

GRAPPLE
GROUP
EVENT

TABLETOP

EXPLOSION

MARCH
— 18 —

Following
the service

Easter 2018 **IMPORTANT DATES**

- March* **11** **EASTER OFFERING** Extending outreach.
- March* **25** **PALM SUNDAY** Visiting Passion week.
- March* **30** **GOOD FRIDAY** Remembering the cross.
- April* **01** **EASTER SUNDAY** Celebrating His victory.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Easter invites-every person is asked to send three invites.
Guest services-Baked goods are needed for the coffee bar.
Easter offering-Give as you are able on Sunday, March 11.



**GOOD
FRIDAY**

677 Luda Street, Elgin, IL 60120

DAY MONTH DATE TIME
FRI 03 30 7PM

Speaker: **Kara Lightbourne**

DAYLIGHT Saving Time

SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD
MARCH 11, 2018

Famous
LAST
 WORDS

Mar 04 » Father Forgive Them
 Mar 11 » My God, My God, Why?
 Mar 18 » Today You will be with Me in Paradise
 Mar 25 » It is Finished

PRAYER REQUESTS ▶ THINKING-OF-YOU PRAYER

Elizabeth S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brian H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suzie S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Benjamin G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noe F. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ray H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kenny D. ▶ Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/>	Karen W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phyllis L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheyenne W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jason G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tommy F. ▶ Healing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michelle G. ▶ Spiritual growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Barb S. ▶ Achilles tendon	<input type="checkbox"/>

▶ URGENT PRAYER

Toni R. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sara H. ▶ Broken Vertebrae	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emma G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	George C. ▶ Chemotherapy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam H. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maria C. ▶ Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judi G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emma G. ▶ Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gearen Family ▶ Drawn closer to God	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eddy's wife ▶ Lymphoma	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stein Family ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nikki S. ▶ Appendectomy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danny R. ▶ ALS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will ▶ Nerve Damage	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ruth H. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jean G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jean G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rick W. ▶ Spinal Surgery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lucinda M. ▶ Gall bladder	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ed. S. ▶ Colon Removal	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Cheryl A. ▶ Pancreatitis	<input type="checkbox"/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK


"If you bring your "not enough" into the hands of a God who is "more than enough," He will do such a miracle."—Christine Caine

METRICS THAT MATTER (02/25/18)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 34 GIVING ▶ \$1,818 GUESTS ▶ 0
 VOLUNTEERS ▶ 15 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing...’ Luke 23:32-34

JESUS OF NAZARETH WAS EXECUTED AS A CRIMINAL. SEVEN LAST WORDS THAT JESUS SPOKE DURING HIS EXECUTION ARE RECORDED IN THE GOSPELS:

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1. While he was being nailed to the cross: “Father forgive them, for they don’t know what they’re doing.”
 2. To the person being executed next to him: “Today you will be with me in Paradise.”
 3. To his mother and his close friend: “Woman, here is your son...Here is your mother.”
 4. To God: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”
 5. To those watching his execution: “I’m thirsty.”
 6. As the time of his death approached: “It is finished.”
 7. As he died: “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”

This is **JESUS** *living his own* **WORDS**

- ⊙ Jesus was the one who had called his followers to love their enemies and pray for their persecutors, and that’s what he did when his time came.
- ⊙ What we see here is the meaning of integrity: this man’s words and actions and thoughts all align perfectly.
- ⊙ Who he is in the midst of his greatest nightmare, the victim of unspeakable unfairness, face-to-face with evil incarnate, is perfectly aligned with who he was on the mountain as he taught the people about how the kingdom of God works.

What does this **WORD** represent?

1. WE SEE THE BREADTH AND DEPTH OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Jesus had taught about it over and over with stories like the Prodigal Son. He had offered forgiveness over and over to those he healed and those he called to follow him.

2. HE WAS ANNOUNCING FORGIVENESS FOR ALL OF HUMANITY THROUGHOUT TIME

This is God speaking the deepest compassion the world has ever known in the midst of humanity calling for the death penalty for God the Creator of Life.

3. JESUS WAS BIRTHING GOD'S KINGDOM

His example is repeated throughout every generation in ways that are part of bringing about the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven.

4. FOLLOWING THE WAY OF GOD MEANS LOVING OUR ENEMIES RATHER THAN DEFEATING THEM

Jesus's way is costly. It isn't fair. It is painful. Loving our enemies is an investment because of what we sow. If we sow mercy and forgiveness we will reap mercy and forgiveness not only from the Lord but from others.

5. JESUS SHOWED HUMANITY THE WAY OF LIFE AS HE DIED, BEGINNING WITH FORGIVENESS FOR OUR ENEMIES

Forgiveness is the key to releasing those things which are life-begetting. This word is a model that shows us the infinite power of releasing those who transgress against us—knowingly and unknowingly.

MARCH 2018 EVENTS

FRI
02

Pray on your own
Easter Outreach

SUN
04

**Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship / Young Adults / Communion / "Father Forgive Them"**

TUE
06

**Praise Team
REHEARSAL**

FRI
09

Pray on your own
Easter Outreach

SUN
11

**Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship / "My God, My God, Why?" / EASTER OFFERING**

TUE
13

**Tuesday
Bible Study**



FRI
16

Pray on your own
Easter Outreach

SUN
18

**Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER Worship /
"Today You Will be with Me" Grapple Event - Tabletop Explosion**

TUE
20

**Tuesday
Bible Study**



FRI
23

Pray on your own
Easter Outreach

SUN
25

PALM SUNDAY
Worship / "It is Finished"

TUE
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**Tuesday
Bible Study**



FRI
30

Pray on your own **Easter Outreach**
Good Friday Service Kara Lightbourne, speaker

Notes _____



GOOD FRIDAY

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DAY



MONTH



DATE



TIME



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