

Top Ways to Prepare for Easter Sunday

- 1. Invite someone to join you** – a personal invitation is the #1 reason that anyone visits a church service for the first time. I've already prayed and personally invited people to join us on Sunday. What about you? Who have you invited?
- 2. Be a Greeter** – Remember, whether officially or not, YOU are on the welcome team this Sunday! Go out of your way to be warm and friendly before and after the service. I can preach my heart out and the worship team can lift up Christ through powerful music, but if a guest feels cold and unwelcomed because no one spoke to them they probably won't come back. Let's combine the power of God's preached Word with the power and warmth of a simple spoken word of welcome through you.
- 3. Arrive early** – arrive earlier than usual to help avoid some of the congestion in the hallways and parking lot.
- 4. Children's volunteers arrive extra early** – if you're serving in the Children's Ministry on Easter Sunday – THANK YOU – try to be there a little earlier than usual – so that you're not arriving the same time parents are beginning to drop their kids off
- 5. Parking** – Park as far away as possible, leaving the best and closest spots for our guests.
- 6. Be helpful** - Don't wait for someone else to serve, jump in there and do it. If you see someone looking disoriented or befuddled – introduce yourself and offer to help them find whatever they're looking for
- 7. Introduce yourself to 3 people you DO NOT KNOW** - Make it your goal to speak to 3 people you DO NOT KNOW before you leave the building... and do it first. Don't just talk to the people you already know. After the service, newcomers tend to be the ones quickest out the door, so if you engage in a conversation with someone you already know – they're gone! Just say, "Hi, I'm glad you're here today. I don't think I've met you before." Even if they've been coming for years, you don't need to be embarrassed by that comment.
- 8. Pray... and then pray... and then pray some more** – that God's Word would 'run and be glorified' (2 Thess. 3:1) and that lost people would be moved by the person and work of Jesus Christ, and the free offer of salvation by grace alone
- 9. Get in bed at a decent hour Saturday night** - Don't kill yourself out in the yard that on Saturday, and don't stay up late watching some mindless movie. Lay the kids' clothes out the night before, have a simple breakfast already planned, and come ready to worship!

I love you... and look forward to celebrating with you this Sunday, a risen, reigning Savior – who still meets people right where they are... including us.

He is Risen!

He is risen, indeed!

Pastor Brad