

**In-Person Life Groups Relaunch:** As of this week, we are excited to announce that Life Groups can begin to meet in person! We would ask that you limit your gatherings to 25 (adults and children). This number will be evaluated weekly and we will keep you informed of any changes. Childcare reimbursement will be available through the summer. Please email your reimbursement requests to Allie at <u>Allie.licavoli@jamesriver.church</u>

**Social Distancing and Care**: Please continue to practice social distancing when meeting in person. We are not requiring that masks be worn, but recommend a mask for those who prefer to wear one. And we encourage all those who are 65 years or older to continue to meet virtually. As a leader, based on these guidelines, you can decide what is best for the people in your group.

## This Week's Icebreaker Question:

- What are your plans for Memorial Day?
- What is something you currently enjoy doing outside?

## Sermon Specific Questions:

- 1. Matthew 20:28 and John 13:15 are statements from Jesus about how He came to serve and the example He gives us. When you hear the word 'serve,' what initially comes to your mind? Who is the first person that comes to your mind as a great example of being a servant? Why?
- 2. We see in Philippians 2:17 that servants sacrifice with joy. Paul experienced joy and was glad to live a life of sacrifice. How can sacrifice and joy coexist? Can you share of a time where you have seen this play out in your life or in somebody close to you?
- 3. Philippians 2:19-21 show us through the example of Timothy that servants put Christ first. How can you be more intentional in focusing on the interests of Christ and making Him the priority of your life on a daily basis?
- 4. When reading Philippians 2:26-28 we find that Epaphroditus shows us how servants are willing to risk. Epaphroditus stepped out in faith and risked his life by being with Paul in his time of sickness and imprisonment. What does living a Christ-focused life in spite of the risk look like for you?
- 5. What are some practical ways you will express a life filled with joy during this season of pandemic?