

The Scars of Jesus:
The Scars of the Heart
Easter Sunday Illustration Message

“I am Barabbas.”

Jesus took on my broken heart to give me salvation.

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. (Ezekiel 36:26)

Jesus took on my broken heart to give me peace.

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD himself, is the Rock eternal. (Isaiah 26:3-4)

Jesus took on my broken heart to experience His presence.

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. How do you relate to Barabbas? Why?
2. Like Barabbas, what has Jesus done for you to exchange the scars of your heart to experience His Scars?
3. How can your scars heal the scars of others? Share an example.

News and Notes:

April 7, Vision Update (after each service).

April 7, Alpha LITE at 12:45-2:00pm.

(4-week interactive lunch about the meaning of life, purpose, and faith)

1. Is there more to life than this?
2. Who is Jesus?
3. Why did he have to die?
4. How can I have faith?

April 14, Worship + Ministry Night with Pastor Bill + Elaine Gibson.

Doors open at 6:30pm. Main auditorium.

May 31-June 2, SAVE THE DATE. 75th Anniversary. Details to be released April 7th.

Mentoring Moment on Tuesdays with Pastor Andy at 11am-noon. Blue House Board Room.

Youth Camp and Registration at www.vcpc.ca.