

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Special Speaker – *Chaplain Doreen Matsumoto*

Message Summary: Memorial Day has come to mean the beginning of summer; a time for picnics, barbecues, and a holiday to gather with the family. Many battles have been won, and our nation's happiness and freedom came with the sacrifice made by men and women who have fought in wars and died. With honor, many gave their lives to protect America on foreign lands and seas, paying the ultimate sacrifice. Their sacrifice left spouses widowed and children without a parent. Many bodies of our brave service men and women who died in action were never found. Those bodies still lie somewhere in an unmarked grave and today are listed as MIA (Missing in Action). Today, we acknowledge the sacrifice of many and the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

The Battle is Won

1 Samuel 30:8-25

- 1. Going to the Lord first. 1 Samuel 30:8**
- 2. Who do you belong to? 1 Samuel 30:11-13**
- 3. He asked the Egyptian to take him and show him. 1 Samuel 30:15**
- 4. Watch out for the enemy. 1 Samuel 30:22**
- 5. Have you recognized the victory in your life? 1 Samuel 30:23**

LifeGroup Questions:

BEGIN IT (5min) - Time spent in praise and prayer.

OPEN IT (10min) - What does Memorial Day mean to you?

EXPLORE IT (60min) - Review Sunday's sermon outline and any notes and questions the group wants to share. Now answer the following questions:

1. Did you or someone in your family serve in the military? Explain.
2. Do you believe these promises are for us today? Why?
3. Have you ever made a promise to someone who helped you?
4. Have you ever done a job for someone who was weary or tired at work?

Apply it (15min) – What did God reveal to you in this message or amongst the group's comments? What life changes will this make for you?