

EASTER // Matthew 28 + Mark 16 + Luke 24 + John 20-21

## **OVERVIEW**

This Easter we explore the varied reactions of people to the resurrection of Jesus. How Jesus consistently meets people where they are becomes an important pattern for us to consider this resurrection Sunday.

## **DISCUSS**

Was anything particularly poignant for you this Easter season? If so, what and what might God be trying to teach you through it?

How would you tell the resurrection story to someone who has never heard it?

## Read the following chapter out loud together: Luke 24

What reaction of the first witnesses to the resurrection do you relate to the most? Why?

What evidence would you need to believe someone came back from the dead?

Much of the message was spent talking about all the places Jesus met people where they were at on the first Easter, are there any places in your heart or life that you are currently struggling to let Jesus into (so that He can meet you there)?

Did anything else stick out from this message?

Are you feeling led to take any particular step in regards to this week's message/discussion? How can our group come alongside in doing so?

## A PRACTICE TO SHARE IN YOUR WEAKNESSES

One of the strongest ways to build community with others is to be honest with where you are weak and need help. Unfortunately, sharing our weaknesses can be quite difficult for many people. Below is a simple practice to help your group grow in your vulnerability.

- Sit in a circle.
- Going one at a time have everyone share a physical weakness/pain they are currently feeling. (Everyone should avoid long answers for this practice, brevity and honesty are the goal).
  - i.e. back pain, headaches, etc.
- After each person shares, recite as a group in unison, "Lord Jesus help us."
- Go around the circle until everyone has shared a physical weakness/pain.
- Go back around the circle and have everyone share a relational pain/weakness.
- Once again, have the entire group say "Lord Jesus help us" after each person shares.
- Once everyone shares a relational pain/weakness, you will go around one more time.
  - i.e. relationship with: co-worker, friend, family member
- This time have everyone share a character weakness and recite "Lord Jesus help us" each time once again.
  - i.e. impatience, anger, greed, etc.
- Once everyone has shared, have someone conclude in prayer, asking God to meet your group in your weaknesses.

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