

MISSIONAL GROUPS

Easter
April 20
Matt 28:1-10

WELCOME – Potluck – Sharing a meal together. Icebreaker questions with group members to connect with one another relationally and get everyone comfortable with sharing.

- Ask how they've seen God working in their lives since you met last. (or relating to the previous meeting's discussion)

How do you know that the resurrection of Jesus really did happen?

WORSHIP - *after dinner* - to draw our hearts to the Lord and invite Him into our discussion

- Join in singing a worship song:
- (found on this link: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/11393450>)

WORD - Facilitate discussion using the guide below and to consider how the sermon applies to our lives

Focus: Resurrection of Jesus

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After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵ The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to

him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is the resurrection of Jesus essential to the Christian faith, and how does it set Christianity apart from other world religions?
2. Which piece of evidence for the resurrection presented in the sermon was most compelling to you, and why?
3. How does the resurrection of Jesus offer hope in the face of personal loss and death?
4. How should the truth of the resurrection impact the way we live our everyday lives as followers of Jesus?

WITNESS: Joining Jesus in His mission

In response to what you learned about today, discuss and reflect on the following questions:

What is God challenging you in your heart about the proof of Jesus' resurrection?

Based on what I learned today what are some ways that I will live differently?

How will I apply these scriptures in my day-to-day life?

Take time to pray for each other that God would help us to live differently because of Jesus' resurrection