Easter in Lockdown John 20

WORSHIP

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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

1. WELCOME

If anyone has had a significant event in their life this past week, give them a minute to share with the group. If necessary, take some time to pray for any immediate needs right at the beginning of the meeting.

2. VISION/PURPOSE

God designed us for relationship. How can we stay connected with each other during the COVID-19 pandemic?

3. SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

Review guidelines (Use "1" Statements, No Fixing, Confidentiality, Listening) that cultivate a healthy environment for sharing and discussion.

4. OPENING PRAYER

5. READ SCRIPTURE PASSAGE/TELL BIBLE STORY PASSAGE

6. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use a good mix of Head (informational/study) questions, Heart (personal reflection) questions, and Hand (practical application) questions. Below are questions your group can pick from to follow along with the sermon series.

7. PERSONAL SHARING AND PRAYER REQUESTS

You can share and pray in one group, in smaller groups, or in gender specific groups. Make sure that phone numbers are shared so that encouragement and connection can happen during the week.

QUESTIONS

WARM UP: Share about one phobia you have that your group doesn't know about.

HEAD: These questions help us examine the Word.

- 1. Read John 20:1–10, 19–23. In verse 8 it says that Peter and John believed, but what understanding were they still lacking?
- 2. What is the Hebrew concept of shalom (peace)?
- 3. Read John 20:31. What kind of belief is John talking about here?
- $4.\ \mbox{When do you think the disciples began to make the connections of what the resurrection meant for them personally?}$

HEART: These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.

- 5. When did you first connect the facts of Jesus' resurrection with what it means for you personally?
- 6. Jesus mentions 3 benefits of a relationship with God (God's Provision, Presence, and Purpose). Which one of these is most impactful for you right now?

HAND: These questions help us bring truth and beliefs into our everyday life.

7. What do you think God's purpose looks like for you in this season?

3 Benefits of a Relationship with God:

1. God's PROVISION for our sin (John 20:23)

2. God's PRESENCE in us (John 20:22)

3. God's PURPOSE for our lives (John 20:21)

NEXT WEEK:

New Normal: Establishing a New Normal in Relationships











