

EASTER 2026 - Small Group Guide

“Surprise, Surprise”

John 20:1–10, 19–20

Opening Icebreakers

1. What’s a time you were genuinely surprised by something? How did you react?
2. What do you usually think of when you hear the word resurrection?

Digging Into Scripture

3. Read John 20:1–10, 19–20. What emotions do you see in this passage?
4. Why is it important that Mary went to the tomb expecting death, not resurrection?
5. What do Peter and John initially think has happened? What does that tell us about their mindset?
6. Why do you think the details about the linen cloths matter? What do they point to?
7. In verse 8, John “saw and believed” before fully understanding. What does that teach us about faith?
8. When Jesus appears to the disciples, what changes in them? What does that moment reveal about who Jesus is?

Personal Reflection & Application

9. Have you ever had a moment where something about Jesus became real to you...not just information, but personal?
10. What’s the difference in your life when you live as if Jesus lives instead of just believing He lived?
11. If Jesus really rose from the dead, what should that change about your everyday life?

Living It Out

- What would it look like for you to move from celebrating the resurrection to sharing it?
- If you’re unsure about Jesus, what is one next step you could take (ask questions, read Scripture, have a conversation)?
- What is one area of your life where you need to let the truth of the resurrection change how you think or live?

Prayer Time

- Thank God that Jesus didn’t just live...He lives!
- Pray for boldness to share the resurrection with others.
- Ask God to move your faith from information to transformation.