

# Christ Community Church

Community Group Discussion Guide for Week of April 5, 2026

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## Announcements

- 1. Community Group:** Any specific announcements or things to discuss pertaining to your community group?
- 2. Upcoming Christ Community Gatherings:** MAC Sunday on 4/12 (Lunch After Church at Mac's Pizza Pub in Blue Ash) – Men's Meetup at Madtree in Blue Ash on 4/16 from 7:30 to 9:00 PM – Women's Meetup at Nove Candle Co. in Montgomery on 4/30 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM (Please Register Online)
- 3. The Gospel Coalition's 2026 Women's Conference:** Join the women of Christ Community Church for TCG's Women's Conference in Indy from June 11 to 13 for a time of worship, teaching, and connection. For registration and more information, visit [www.christcincy.org/events](http://www.christcincy.org/events).

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### Opening Question

*Think back to a family vacation growing up. What was it, and what's one moment or memory from that trip that has stuck with you?*

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## Matthew 28:1-15

*Leader's Note: Open with a brief prayer, asking God to make the group receptive to His Word. Then invite someone to read the passage aloud. (For longer sections, consider dividing the reading among several people.)*

*[1] Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. [2] And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. [3] His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. [4] And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. [5] But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. [6] He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. [7] Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." [8] So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. [9] And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. [10] Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."*

[11] While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. [12] And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers [13] and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' [14] And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." [15] So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

## Discussion Questions

1. In verses 1–10, the women respond to the resurrection with both fear and great joy. Why do you think both of these are present, and where have you experienced that same tension in your own relationship with God?  
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): How might the resurrection of Jesus reshape how you experience uncertainty or fearful situations?*
2. In verses 1–7, the empty tomb shows us that what is is not what will be. In what areas of life are people tempted to place their hope in something temporary rather than in the risen Jesus?  
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): What might it look like to practically "live a better hope" in contrast to the temporary hopes we and others often rely on?*
3. In verses 8–10, the women encounter Jesus personally and are then sent to tell others. How does your personal experience of Jesus shape (or not shape) your willingness to share Him with others?  
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): Who in your life might need to hear the "better story" of Jesus right now, and what is one simple, faithful step you could take to "go and tell"?*
4. In verses 11–15, we see that in contrast to the women, others create a false story to explain away the resurrection. What are some "competing stories" today that challenge or replace the truth of the resurrection?  
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): Have you ever struggled with doubts about the resurrection? What shaped those doubts, and what has helped you work through them?*
5. In this passage, Matthew shows us that our lives are pointing to a greater story. In light of the resurrection, what is one thing you are most grateful for or most looking forward to, and how might that shape the way you live today?  
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): None.*

## Prayer

*Leader's Note: Wrap up your time by moving into prayer. Begin by inviting group members to share any requests, especially in light of the categories listed below. When*

*someone shares, ask if another person would be willing to pray for that request. Then open the group prayer time by asking someone to start and encourage others to pray as they feel led. When it seems like the time is drawing to a close, finish by thanking God for His Word and for the time you've had together.*

- **Word – Praying in Response to God's Word**

*What truths or applications stood out from our discussion, and how can we pray for one another in light of what God has shown us through His Word?*

- **Heart – Praying for “Heart-Level” Concerns**

*Because real change begins in the heart, how can we pray for one another where trusting God feels hard or where walking closely with Him is a struggle?*

- **Life – Praying for Personal Requests**

*What personal needs, burdens, or situations would you like prayer for this week?*

- **Church – Praying for Our Church and Its Mission**

*What are some things happening in our church and through our church that we can be praying for together?*

- **World – Praying for People You're Minister To and Those in Need**

*Who in your life doesn't yet know Jesus, and how can we pray for them—and for your opportunities to love and share the gospel with them? Who in your life needs prayer, encouragement, or care, and how can we lift them up together this week?*