

Key Scripture

“31 And taking the twelve, he said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. 32 For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. 33 And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.” 34 But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.” – Luke 18:31-34 (ESV)

“But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. 5 And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” 8 And they remembered his words, 9 and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, 11 but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.” – Luke 24:1-12 (ESV)

Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)

- What are or were some of your Easter traditions?
- Did you believe in the Easter Bunny growing up? Do you or would do that tradition with your kids? Why or why not?

Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- Read Luke 24:1-12. What surprise waited for the women who came to Jesus’ tomb?
- Read Luke 24:1-12 and 18:31-34. What did the Angels tell the women about what Jesus had said that would happen? Did they remember? Did they understand?
- Read Luke 24:1-12. Is this Gospel the start of Hope for the women, the disciples, and for all mankind?

Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- What does the word ‘Hope’ mean to you?
- Do you think that you would have believed the women who reported the resurrection?
- Where is it in your life that you need some Hope right now? What hope can you have despite struggles in your life?

Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)

- What would it look like for you to put more Hope in Jesus?
- Who do you know that could use some hope today? How can you bear witness to them as the women at the tomb did to the apostles?

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. (15 Min)

1. What’s a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
2. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
3. How’s your weekly 3-2-1 challenge going? (*3 Conversations with New People, Learn 2 Names, Make 1 Meaningful Connection*)
4. Who is one non-believer that you need to reach out to this week?
5. What’s something you’d like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.