

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

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### **START**

We wake up and have expectations for our day. We think we know how things are going to work out. Based upon the rhythms of our lives we have no reason to expect anything out of the ordinary. But when the unexpected does come our way our emotions change instantly depending on what just happened.

- What do you usually expect from a normal day in your life?
- When has something good unexpectedly happened to you?
- When has something bad unexpectedly happened to you?

### **READ**

Matthew 28:6 (NIV)

"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."

### **THINK**

As the women came to properly prepare Jesus' body for his burial you can imagine their shock when they were met with an angel that rolled away the stone in front of the tomb. They discover that Jesus is not there. He had been raised. This was big! This was important! This was a pivotal moment in history! Jesus had done what He said He would do.

- What is the significance of Jesus being raised from the dead?
- How can we trust Jesus to do what He says He will do?

As the women were running from the tomb with fear & joy to tell everyone what they have just witnessed, Jesus meets them. They fall and worship him. Jesus meets us where we are. He meets us in the midst of our fear & joy. He meets us in our doubts & unbelief. He meets us in our wondering & wandering.

- Where were you at in life when you encountered Jesus?
- What were the doubts and beliefs you had when you met Jesus?
- How has Jesus given you hope in your life?

# **PRAY**

"God thank you for sending your son to provide a way to be and live in your presence. Though we did not deserve it, Jesus, you still gave your life for us because of your love. Because of your love I now have hope."

## **ACT**

This week, celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and what it means for our lives. Tell someone about what Jesus has done in your life.

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ONE CHURCH. RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE.