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SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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Matthew, Mark, and Luke list 3 separate times that Christ had warned the disciples of His death, burial and resurrection. God has spoken a promise to you and because your current situation does not look like the promise, you have forgotten. God wants you to remember and take hold of the promise. It will happen if you believe. You have to remember what God told you.

John 14:29 NIV - I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

- God has made a promise to you and He does not lie nor can He abandon it
- Your only assignment is to believe
- You must find the faith to believe

Luke 24:2-8 NIV - They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " Then they remembered his words.

- God will bring you back to the remembrance of His Word
- The Word given is often contrary to your current situation
- Once the Word is given you are set on a path to grow your faith
- You grow your faith by using it
- When you are sitting in a place far from what God told you, you must remember what God promised
- Life has a way of trying to make you forget God's promises
- What you're going through has a time limit

What promise have you forgotten about? What happened to make you doubt or forget the promise?

THINGS THAT HAPPEN TO MAKE YOU FORGET

1)SERVE THE LAST SUPPER

Luke 22:19-22 NIV And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!"

- The bread represents the body
- Man cannot live by bread alone; you become what you eat
- The wine/juice represents the blood

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- The seal on the cup represents you being sealed with the promises of God
- There is no more separation between you and God

Do you actively participate in communion? Why or why not?

2) GO TO THE GARDEN AND PRAY

Mark 14:32-35 NIV They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch." Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him.

- Jesus had to suffer in the garden
- Pressure is supposed to squeeze you to get the oil out of you
- Don't allow the pressures of life to get the best of you
- There will be times when you will need to pull away and go be alone

How often do you spend quiet time in prayer? What does that time look like?

3) APPROACHED BY JUDAS AND THE GUARDS

Mark 14:43-46 NIV Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders. Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. The men seized Jesus and arrested him.

- Betrayal will come
- Don't be worried about the betrayal because it will bless you
- God allows betrayals to benefit you

What betrayal in your life almost took you out? Why was it so hurtful? Are you letting your surroundings dictate your future?

4) TAKEN TO PILATE

Luke 23:13-16 NIV - Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish him and then release him."

- Judgment will come
- You cannot let the judgment of others to stop you from believing in the promise

Who has sat in the seat of judgment against you?

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5) BEATEN, SPAT ON, AND MOCKED

Matthew 27:29-30 NIV - and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again.

- As you serve, you will encounter abuse
- Whatever they tried didn't keep you down
- You are still in the land of the living
- There is a great anointing on those who serve

What abuse have you endured as a servant in the Kingdom?

6) CHOSE BARABBAS OVER JESUS

Matthew 27:21 NIV - "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" asked the governor. "Barabbas," they answered.

- There will be seasons of disappointment
- How you handle your disappointment is a reflection of how you manage your deliverance
- They will chose the ungodly over you
- You have something they wished they had

Who and what disappointed you? Why were you disappointed? How did you manage the disappointment?

7) BEATEN BEYOND RECOGNITION

Isaiah 52:14b NIV - his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness –

- Pain is a transformation tool, it changes you
- You didn't go through all that to be the same
- You will no longer look or sound the same
- All this happened while his promise was on the way

How have you turned your pain into purpose?

8) HEARD JESUS SAY IT WAS FINISHED

John 19:30b NIV - Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

- In a place where eyes contradicted your ears
- Where you are does not look like what was promised
- Faith comes by hearing
- Don't let your eyes stop your faith

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- Learn to hear with your eyes

What promise did you hear God speak and later saw with your eyes? How did you celebrate the promise? What are you believing in God for now?

9) BURIED AND SEALED

Matthew 27:66 NIV - So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

- It's not over until God says it's over
- It is not by your age of life, but it will happen by your stage of life
- It's not based on what you presently see, it's based on what God said
- Your assignment is to believe
- God is giving you an unexpected resurrection for your haters

What have you given up on that God has said not yet?

THINGS IN PLACE TO HELP YOU REMEMBER

1) THE STONE IS ROLLED AWAY

Luke 24:2 NIV - They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

- The things that used to block you is gone
- They will come back looking for you the way they left you, but you won't be there
- Every barrier has to move out of your way; it's your breakthrough season
- Who you thought would move the stone won't touch it
- God doesn't want others hands on your breakthrough
- Your belief will move the stone

What stone(s) has God moved for you previously? What stone(s) do you currently see as immovable and need to start believing in God for movement?

2) THE DEAD BODY IS GONE

Luke 24:3 NIV - but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

- They won't find you how they left you
- The evidence is gone; God will get rid of the evidence
- There can be no conviction with no evidence

Ephesians 2:1-2 NIV As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

What has God wiped clean from your record? What are some areas you can identify that you still

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need God to clear away?

3) THE GARMENTS ARE THERE

John 20:7 NIV - as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen.

- You don't look like what you went through
- The stuff that you were wrapped in, loosed you when God called you; you're free
- The only thing left is the Word
- Your garments represent your identity and appearance

What had you bound that is now a testimony of deliverance?

4) THE WORD IS SPOKEN

Luke 24:5b-8 NIV - "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' "
Then they remembered his words.

- After the death and burial, there has to be a resurrection
- The same God that made a promise to you is about to resurrect you
- You have to get up
- The world needs what you're carrying
- Remember what He promised you and praise Him
- Your praise says
 - I believe God
 - God I trust you
 - God I trust your timing

Have you stopped believing some things can be resurrected? How can you get back into a place where you remember what God has promised you?

PRAYER

Lord, only you could love me enough to sacrifice your life for mine. You willingly gave up your life, died, allowed them to bury you and rose again that I may live. I thank you for your unconditional love toward me. I thank you for the promise that is still active in my life. Thank you for watching over your Word to perform it. I will continue to believe, trust and wait on you, In Jesus' name, Amen.