



### **CONNECTION**

[1] What does Easter mean to you? How are you celebrating it this year?

### **OBSERVATION & INTERPRETATION**

[2] Read Matthew 28:1-20. What response did the women have when they met the risen Jesus? When Jesus met the disciples on the mountain what did he tell the disciples to do in response to his resurrection?

[3] What response did the chief priests have towards the guard's report of all that had happened at the tomb? How is their response like or unlike people who deny the resurrection today?

### **APPLICATION**

[4] What was God's finest hour?

[5] How did God's finest hour impact your finest hour?

[6] As Christians we celebrate Easter every year through going to church and maybe spending time with family. On a practical level how has your life changed (attitudes, thinking, and behavior) as a result of being reminded of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus?

[7] Jesus didn't just rise from the dead and offer salvation from sin; he promised that he was coming back and that we should be ready (Revelation 1:7-8, 3:11, 16:15; Luke 12:35-46; Mathew 25:1-13). What is your state of readiness? What do you need to do to be spiritually ready for the return of Jesus? How does your life reflect what you would like Jesus to find you doing when he returns? Please explain.

### **REFLECTION**

John 11:25-26 (NIV)

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" How does your response to this question influence the way you think about and live your life?