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READ

Take some time in advance to read and consider the Bible study questions and come up with personal examples to encourage discussion.

WATCH

Make sure everyone can see the screen and the audio is at a comfortable level.

DISCUSS

We hope those who participate in the study walk away knowing, feeling, and doing differently as a result of amazing discussion.

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OPEN

As you open up today, consider this; What are some things in life you cannot hear or experience enough? Why?

What jumped out at you from the message this week? What led you to really think or even better, to change your actions?

WATCH

What jumped out at you from the video?

INTRODUCTION

What do we have if we don't have the resurrection?

We have no hope! Without the resurrection of Jesus Christ, there is no Christianity, there is no

cure for the curse of sin, there is no promise of a new heaven and new earth, and there is forgiveness for you and me.

What is the resurrection to us as believers?

he resurrection of Jesus Christ is the supreme validation of His deity!


READ

READ Matthew 28:1-9

What were Mary and Martha doing at the tomb of Jesus?

Because of the sabbath, the women couldn't do the "work" of preparing Jesus body for burial. These women have come back to the tomb, to anoint the body of Jesus more.

As they returned to the tomb things are not how they left them. What is the situation?



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Another earthquake hit the area and we see that it was caused by a supernatural appearance of an angel of the Lord. This angel rolled back the stone and was sitting on the stone.

Where were the soldiers guarding Jesus' tomb?

We learn that the guards were shaken with fear. Add up the fact that a crazy earthquake happened when this angel appeared, the angel rolled away the huge stone by himself, and that his appearance was brilliant like lightning and snow, the guards were shaken.

The women were also afraid, how do we know this?

Jesus tells them not to be afraid.

What are you afraid of that may inhibit your obedience to God?

Answers will vary.

How many times did Jesus tell His disciples about his death burial and resurrection?

In Matthew 16, 17 and 20 on three separate occasions Jesus prophesied His death and burial but He also prophesied his resurrection!

How should the resurrection of Jesus affect the way we live?

Answers will vary.

Where does Jesus tell the women to meet Him?

He instructs them to carry the good news of his resurrection to the disciples and to tell them that He will meet them again in Galilee. Galilee was home for them. Galilee is where Jesus called them. Galilee is where most of their ministry took place. Jesus wants to meet them there once again.

Why is this significant?

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It's beautiful how Jesus shows so much grace to the disciples. Almost all of them were unfaithful to Him in His death, but He was faithful to them in His resurrection.

When the women left, how were they acting?

They were both frightened and ecstatic. After all, it's not every day that you hear from an angel that someone rose from the dead!

How can we grow in our joy and fear of the Lord?

Answers will vary.

What can the power of the resurrection do for you?

The power of the resurrection of Jesus changes everything! If the resurrection is true, and it is, it changes everything about us! There is power in the resurrection! The resurrection can break the curse of sin! Can heal generational brokenness! Can draw men to Christ! The resurrection has power!

How can we use this passage to equip us as followers of Jesus?

Answers may vary.

LET'S PRAY

Consider the following questions as you pray together as a LifeGroup.

- Will you embrace the power of the resurrection?
- Will you live by the power of the resurrection?
- When's the last time that you shared about the power of the resurrection?
- If the resurrection is true, if the resurrection is powerful, then we need to share that power with others. Will you share the power of the resurrection with those that need it?



