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I. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus who _____ hope.

- A. They prepared Jesus' body for _____.
- B. In every church, there are some unsung _____ like Joseph and Nicodemus who provide _____ for others.

II. A group of women who _____ hope.

- A. They had faithfully _____ Jesus for most of his ministry.
- B. When they arrived, they discovered something very _____ had happened.
- C. If you are having trouble believing in the hope of the _____, you would do well to follow the example of these women.
 - 1. They went to the most likely place where belief would be _____.
 - 2. They confronted their _____.
 - 3. They listened to the credible _____ of others.
 - 4. They _____ the words of Jesus.
 - 5. They _____ to believe the evidence.
 - 6. They _____ on the faith they had.

III. The disciples who _____ hope.

- A. They didn't believe the _____ of the resurrection.
- B. Maybe you are like the disciples—your hopes are _____.
 - 1. Maybe there's a _____ that is dead.
 - 2. Maybe you have a _____ who is spiritually dead.
 - 3. Maybe you have died to personal _____.
 - 4. Maybe your hopes for a _____ are dead.
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