

Our **Virtual**

# PowerGroup

**Promise**  
Week 2 Study

## Icebreaker

What is the biggest surprise you have ever received for Christmas?

## Passage 1 John 20:11-18

**Reflection** Who is the first person to see Jesus after his resurrection?

Did Mary recognize Jesus at first?

What are some possible reasons why Mary didn't recognize Jesus? Was Mary expecting Jesus to be alive?

What did Jesus say that prompted Mary to recognize him?

What does the fact that the first eyewitness to the resurrection is a woman confirm about the reality of the resurrection?

If the resurrection was made up, who would be the first eyewitnesses?

What message did Mary deliver to the disciples?

## Passage 2 John 20:19-23

**Reflection** Where are the disciples the evening of the first day of the week?

What emotion would best describe the disciples after seeing Jesus dead and buried? Were the disciples expecting Jesus to be alive?

What does Jesus say to the disciples when he comes into the room? What does he show them to confirm his resurrection?

## Passage 2 John 20:19-23

**Reflection** How does the reality of the resurrection reverse the discouragement for the disciples?

Has the reality of the resurrection reversed your discouragement in life? If so, how?

Which disciple is not present when Jesus appears to them the evening of the first day?

## Passage 3 John 20:24-25

**Reflection** What do the disciples who have seen the resurrected Jesus tell Thomas?

How did Thomas who didn't see Jesus respond to the other disciples when they tell him that Jesus is alive?

Is this conclusion unreasonable? If you had seen Jesus dead and buried, what would it take for you to believe that he had raised from the dead?

How much time passes before Thomas actually sees the resurrected Jesus? Does this seem like a long time to be in doubt about the resurrection?

What does Jesus say to Thomas when he enters the room? Is this the same greeting that Jesus made to the disciples when he appeared to them?

## Passage 4 John 20:24-29

**Reflection** What does Jesus instruct Thomas to do? Why does Jesus tell him to touch him? Does Thomas actually touch Jesus' hands or side?

What does Thomas conclude about Jesus?

How does seeing Jesus alive reverse Thomas' doubt and disbelief?

How did the resurrection of Jesus change Mary? How did the resurrection of Jesus change the disciples? How did the resurrection of Jesus change Thomas?

What did it take for you to really believe in the resurrection of Jesus?

## Application

The resurrection of Jesus can change everything. Complete this statement: This week, I will allow the resurrection of Jesus to change \_\_\_\_\_ about my life.