

# TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

## Easter Sunday

April 12 - 18, 2020

*From this time many of Jesus' disciples turned back and no longer followed him. "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."  
~John 6:66-68*

### Hang Out (30 Minutes)

Ice Breaker (*pick one*):

- Besides family, who is one of the first people you tell when something good happens to you?
- What was a challenge you faced this week in dealing with the coronavirus pandemic?

### Watch the Video (24 Minutes)

Watch the video if necessary. If everyone viewed the sermon before the meeting, add this time to your discussion.

### Discuss (30 Minutes)

It's okay if you don't get to every question. Leaders, guide the group to the questions you think will be most helpful.

1. Describe your Easter. What did you miss most this year in celebrating Easter?
2. What was something from Sunday's worship that you found helpful or encouraging?
3. Have someone read **Matthew 28:16-20**. As a way of introduction, this was the fourth time that the resurrected Jesus had appeared to the eleven remaining disciples.

<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." <sup>36</sup> While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to

them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." <sup>40</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate it in their presence.

- What do you find interesting in this passage?
- A similar reaction to the disciples' doubt reported in verse 17 is recorded in **Luke 24:36-43**.

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- How do you explain the disciples' reactions of doubt to the resurrected Jesus appearing to them?
4. If you had been one of the apostles that Jesus appeared to as resurrected from the dead, is there anything that you would have wanted Jesus to say or do to prove that it was really him raised from the dead? If so, describe.
  5. What have you imagined will be your experience when you are raised from the dead?

## **Pray (5 Minutes)**

Think of something for which you are thankful this week. Going around the circle, each person is invited thank God for this.