

## Mark: Our Suffering Servant What A Day ~ Pastor Dre

### TALK IT OVER

**City Group Connect (10-15 min).** Spend some time connecting with each other.

- Briefly share how the last week has gone for you.
- Ask each person to share something significant that they have read this past week in God's Word or any word they have heard from God in the past week.
- Where have you seen God at work in your life or the lives of others this past week?

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

**Key Scriptures:** *When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3 And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" 4 And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. 6 And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." 8 And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. **Mark 16:1-8***

Think back to the message. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?

**Start Talking.** The resurrection is a familiar story to most of us. Imagine you were hearing it for the first time you might try reading it out loud in a different translation or paraphrase like "**The Message**".

- What do you notice about the story for the first time?
- What questions do you have about the account?

**Start Thinking.** The empty tomb, the witness of the angels, the testimony of eye-witnesses, the transformation of the disciples including skeptics like Jesus half-brother James and Saul of Tarsus, growth of the early church despite persecution, emergence of Sunday as the day of worship, etc. are evidence that Jesus did in fact rise from the dead.

- Which of these do you find most convincing?
- What emotions might you have felt had you been there on the first Easter?
- How would Christianity be different if Christ had not risen from the dead?

**Start Sharing.** Commit what you're discovering to God in prayer. Jesus said: "You will be my witnesses." Think about the change in the disciples that the resurrection made in them.

- How were they changed by the resurrection?
- What made their testimony convincing to those that heard their message?
- If you are a believer, then you are also a witness for Jesus. What evidence would you offer today as part of your testimony to convince someone who doesn't believe in the resurrection that it really did happen?

**Start Doing.**

- What is your response to this week's message? How will you apply it?
- Is there something that God wants you to stop doing, or to start obeying? Commit to that change and ask your triad to hold you accountable.
- If you have not placed your faith in Christ, would you consider doing so today? If you have placed your faith in Christ, would you commit to be his witness to those around you?

**Start Praying.** Pray by name for someone who needs to hear your testimony about the risen Lord. Pray for each other for strength to follow through on commitments you have made or are making as a result of this study.

**Big Idea of the Message:** There is hope for those who have been faithless.

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