

## **WARM-UP QUESTION**

Think about what the disciples did when they found out about the empty tomb. If you were in their sandals, what do you think you would have done?

### **DISCUSS**

Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's message. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

# Read <u>John 20:19-23</u>

- What do you think the disciples were thinking and talking about behind locked doors?
- · Why do you think Jesus appeared to them the way He did?
- What does Jesus' peace look like for you? Share a time in your life when you felt Jesus' peace the most. When was a time where you felt the most joy from Jesus?
- Read verse 21 again. What did Jesus mean by this? What does this mean for you?
- Read verses 22 & 23 again. In the last few weeks we've talked a few times about the Holy Spirit. How do think these two verses relate to each other? Only God can forgive sins; what do you think Jesus means by verse 23? Think about the mission He has put us on.

## Read John 20:24-29

- Do you think you would struggle to believe that Jesus resurrected if you were one of the disciples?
- Has there been a time when you God revealed something to you about Himself or His Word that you previously guestioned or even doubted? What was that like?
- Share a story of transformation or change that you've seen in the church or from your own life.

### Read John 16:1-4

- Why would persecution cause someone to abandon their faith?
- How would persecution in our western culture cause you to abandon your faith?
- In order to remember Jesus' warning, we have to know what it is. Why is studying God's
  word so important in our faith? How can knowing God's word prepare you for trials? How
  have you seen this play out in your life? How have you seen change in your life since
  following Jesus?
- If the resurrection is the foundation of our faith, how does that shape your daily life?



# **RESPOND**

- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Pray together as a group for the specific goals or areas of struggle that came up in your discussion. Thank God for revealing more of who He is, and ask Him to help you apply what He's prompting you to do this week.