



Celebrate Hope

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Q—What is the greatest need in our world today?

Hope: a feeling of anticipation and expectation of a desired outcome.

⇒ **We celebrate hope because the resurrection has happened!**

Q—Has hope died in your life?

Luke 24:1–8, 12

John 20:19

Luke 24:37–39, 46–49

1 Peter 1:3

⇒ **We celebrate hope because the resurrection is happening!**

Q—Are you living a resurrecting life?



Study & Discussion for Your Next Small Group

Theme: How Easter Still Changes Everything

Share Together: What is your favorite Easter tradition or memory?

Look back together: What impacted you the most from Sunday's message?

Read Together: Luke 23:50-24:12

Discuss Together:

- What was the women's role in coming to the tomb of Jesus that morning?
- As you reflect on their reaction, how would you have felt when you saw the tomb was empty?
- What do you find significant about the angel's question, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" Why did they need to be reminded of Jesus' words? Why do we do this during the "dead" times of our lives?
- Why do you think the rest of the disciples reacted in doubt when told the tomb was empty? How would you identify with the disciples' doubts about the resurrection?

Read Together: Luke 24:36-39

Discuss Together:

- Why was it so important that Jesus revealed himself in such an up close and personal way as he did to the disciples? What would you have felt or thought if you were there?
- Why was the event of the resurrection so significant for the disciples as they formed the early church? Why could it not have survived until today, or even through the first century, without the eye witness accounts of Jesus' resurrection?

Read Together: 1 Cor. 15:13-14

Discuss Together:

- How is our faith in vain if there was no resurrection?
- What does it mean to live a resurrecting life? In what ways can we experience this personally?

Pray Together: What do you need resurrected in your life that you could use prayer for? Share other needs as well as updates and answers to prayer.