



Sermon Discussion Guide

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Use this discussion guide with your small group or by yourself, to dig into the text and theme of Sunday's message.

Key Point: Jesus gave his life for us.

Life Sharing: (answer one)

1. What is your favorite part of Easter?
2. If you had 15 seconds to tell someone what Easter is all about what would you say?

Transition / Open in prayer

3. What do you do when you get bad news? Who do you tell first?

Life Examination:

READ John 20:1-18

4. How does Jesus' resurrection story compare to the resurrection of Lazareth? (John 11:38-44)

5. What are the different ways the followers of Jesus responded to the empty tomb?
6. Why does John pay attention to the condition of the grave clothes?
7. Why do you think Mary did not recognize Jesus immediately?

READ 1 Peter 2:21-25

8. What does it mean to follow Jesus' example of suffering? What kind of suffering do people experience in life?
9. Why did Jesus die, according to this passage?
10. What makes Jesus a good spiritual Shepherd?

Life Application:

11. When compared, the gospel resurrection stories have different details and some disagreements (for example: how many angels were at the tomb, was Mary alone or with others, what time of the morning was it, etc.) What are some ways to understand these differences?
12. Put yourself in Mary, Peter, and John's place. How do you think you would respond to the empty tomb?
13. What does Jesus' resurrection mean to the world? What does it mean to you?
14. What kind of "death" are you experiencing recently? What are some ways Jesus can bring new life to those things?
15. If you could ask God to give you guidance today, what kind of guidance would you ask for?

Life Prayers: Pray for one another and thank God for sending Jesus to die and rise again, that we might live.