



## EASTER – I BELIEVE

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### WORSHIP

Begin your group with a time of worship. If someone in your group can lead worship, invite them to lead two or three songs. Alternatively, consider using one or more of these songs from our Sunday morning worship time:

- **Praise** (*Elevation Music*)
- **I Believe** (*Charity Gayle*)
- **Forever** (*Kari Jobe*)

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Luke 24:1-8
- John 14:6-7
- 1 Peter 1:3-5 & 1 Peter 2:9-10
- Isaiah 43:19

### OPENING PRAYER

Begin your session with a prayer, thanking God for the resurrection of Jesus Christ and asking for guidance in your discussion.

### KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
2. Through Christ, we are being transformed from good to godly.
3. God is making all things new through Jesus.
4. Jesus continues to transform lives today, regardless of our perceived limitations or shortcomings.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to you personally that Jesus is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life"? How does this impact your daily life?
2. Pastor Brian mentioned that God is changing us from "good to godly." Can you share an area in your life where you've experienced this transformation?
3. The sermon referenced 1 Peter 2:9-10, describing believers as "a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation." How does this identity affect the way you view yourself and your purpose?
4. Isaiah 43:19 talks about God doing a "new thing." What new things do you see God doing in your life or in the world around you?
5. Pastor Brian gave examples of biblical figures God used despite their perceived limitations (David, Jeremiah, Abraham, Zacchaeus, Esther). Can you relate to any of these figures? How has God worked in your life despite what you considered limitations?
6. How does the resurrection of Jesus give you hope in your current circumstances?

## PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

1. **Identity in Christ:** Write down three ways your identity as a child of God (from 1 Peter 2:9-10) should influence your actions this week.
2. **Newness Journal:** Keep a daily journal this week, noting one "new thing" you see God doing each day, whether in your life or in the world around you.
3. **Sharing Your Story:** Prepare a 2-minute testimony about how Jesus has transformed your life, focusing on a specific area of change. Practice sharing it with the group.
4. **Living "The Way":** Choose one area of your life where you can more intentionally follow Jesus as "the way, the truth, and the life" this week.

## CLOSING PRAYER

End your session by praying for each other, asking God to help you live out the truths discussed and to continue transforming your lives through the power of the resurrected Christ.