

EASTER

The word "EASTER" is written in a white, elegant, italicized serif font. It is centered horizontally and partially overlaid by a decorative graphic. This graphic consists of a semi-circular shape with a vertical wood-grain texture, through which a branch of bright yellow flowers is visible. The background is a soft, vertical gradient transitioning from a deep teal at the top to a warm, golden-yellow at the bottom.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

There are four crucial components for a group to maintain its health: Word, prayer, relationships, and reaching out. In this guide, you will study the biblical passage in three steps: observation, interpretation, and application. As the group leader, you are free to use any part of this guide that can assist you in achieving this goal.

CONNECT

- If you could have dinner with any biblical character (besides Jesus), who would it be and what would you ask them?
- What are the main changes to your life you notice during springtime?
- When telling people the news of the resurrection of Jesus, what kind of pushback would you expect most often?

INTRODUCTION

Every Gospel writer gives an account of the resurrection of Jesus. Both Matthew and John tell us how the women encountered Jesus in person on their way from the tomb. Luke, however, focuses on what people did in response to hearing the news of the resurrection. In doing so, he puts the question to us: What will you do with the news of the resurrection?

OBSERVATIONS & INTERPRETATION

Read: Luke 24:1–12

Discuss:

What initially jumps out at you from the passage?

The angels point out that Jesus told his disciples he would die and rise again. Go and read these accounts—Luke 9:21–22, 9:44, 18:31–33. By looking at the verses around them, what do you learn about why people didn't and don't believe in Jesus's resurrection?

Why do you think it's significant that Luke focuses here on what people heard and their responses, as opposed to the in-person encounters with Jesus?

APPLICATION

- Do you have doubts about the resurrection of Jesus? How can you investigate further like Peter did?
- The women faithfully told the news they'd heard. In what ways does this passage encourage you to spread the news of the resurrection?
- Peter marveled at the news of the resurrection. In what ways does the good news of Jesus's resurrection make you marvel?

PRAYER

- Spend time marveling in prayer at the resurrection.
- Ask for the conviction to believe in its truthfulness.
- Pray for boldness to faithfully spread the news.

A graphic featuring a wooden Easter egg with a vertical grain pattern, partially obscured by a branch of yellow flowers. The word "EASTER" is written in a large, white, serif font across the center, with a slight shadow effect.

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