

# #ShareEaster

Sermon Discussion Guide for the week of April 1, 2015

**Main Point: Jesus' resurrection changes everything**

**Luke 24:1-12; 1 Corinthians 15:1-5**

## **CONNECT**

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Have you ever taken a vacation that was more stressful than relaxing? Why was it stressful?

When was the last time your well laid plans fell apart?

How do you feel when a person does not go along with your plans? Or when circumstances ruin your plans?

## **LEARN**

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**Have a volunteer read Luke 24:1-12.**

What were the women planning to do? Why did they go instead of Jesus' disciples?

Why do you think the stone was rolled away?

How do you think the women felt when they saw the empty tomb?

What explanation did the angels give for Jesus not being in the tomb?

**Read Luke 9:21-22.** How was the empty tomb part of Jesus' plan?

Why didn't they remember Jesus saying this? Can you recall any passages of Scripture where Jesus referred to His resurrection (*see Matthew 16:21, 17:22-23, and 20:18-19 for examples*)?

Why might the disciples not have believed the testimony of the women? Why do you think they didn't remember Jesus' teaching that He would be raised from the dead?

How did Peter react to the news of an empty tomb? Why do you think he was the one to run to the tomb?

Why is it hard to trust God when our plans don't match up with His plan? How can we marvel as Peter did when we experience and better understand God's plan?

**Have a volunteer read 1 Corinthians 15:1-5.**

What is Paul reminding the Corinthians about? Why might he be reminding them? Why is this such an important thing to remember?

In verses 3 and 4 Paul gives the content of the gospel? What is the gospel message?

How crucial is the cross to the entire gospel story?

How crucial is the resurrection to the entire gospel story?



Why are both stated “in accordance with the Scriptures”? Why is this fact so important?

We often think of Christ’s death alone as our salvation, why is the resurrection necessary for our salvation?

If Christ stayed in the tomb, would His death have covered everyone’s sins? Why or why not?

How does Christ’s resurrection show He is God? How does that affect His atoning death?

## **SERVE**

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How can you use the resurrection as a tool when you share your faith with others? How can it show others the plan of God?

How do you respond when someone challenges the reality of the resurrection? How do you proclaim Jesus’ resurrection to others?

Who can you proclaim the resurrection to this week?

## **PRAYER**

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Close your time in prayer, praising God for who Christ is. Praise Christ for being God made flesh who died and who rose. Thank God for the resurrection which is the power of salvation.



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