Introduction: Help group members engage.

Write on the following question on a marker board (or display it somewhere in the room where you meet): “What is your favorite memory of Easter?”

Allow 2-3 people to share their memories.

Point 1: Help group members understand the major theme.

Instruct your group members look at Hebrews 2:14-18. After reading the passage together, present to them the following questions:

- When Jesus destroyed the power of the devil, what did this release humanity from the fear of?
- Why is this aspect of Christ’s work important?

They should be able to glean that Jesus suffered for the greater good and that His death conquered Satan and death and released us from the fear of death. Encourage a few people to share their thoughts.

Point 2: Check for understanding based on personal experience.

Ask the question “Have you ever had a time in your life when you were told something so incredible that you just didn’t believe them—something where you wouldn’t be convinced unless you actually saw what they were saying?”

Allow for 1-2 members to share their experience. Then say, “Imagine how Mary Magdalene and the other Mary must have felt when they were first told that Jesus had risen.”

Point 3: Help your group members to engage with the main idea.

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were faithful to their mission as they obeyed Jesus in this passage. The challenge for us today is the same: walk in obedience. Ask your group this question: “Are you being faithful to God by living a life of daily obedience and sharing His message of judgment and redemption?” Exhort them to purpose in their hearts to be more faithful in this mission in the coming days and weeks.
Conclusion: Challenge group members to live the session.

Sadly, many Christians lose their wonder for God and fail to worship Him as they should. As Adrian Rogers states, “Everything God does is wonderful … until we get used to it.”

Read the above quote to the group and ask them to interact with it. Then ask these questions:

- Do you agree with this quote? Why or why not?
- Why do we have a tendency to not be in awe of God and His works and take them for granted?

[Adrian Rogers, Adrianisms, Volume Two: The Wit and Wisdom of Adrian Rogers (Memphis, TN: Love Worth Finding Ministries, 2007), 7.]

Teaching Tip of the Week

The imagination is crucial when communicating with those we are teaching. Too many times our content is packed with Bible facts that people can regurgitate but never seem to be to apply in their lives. Warren Wiersbe writes, “While the responsibility for their disobedience is totally their own, the responsibility for making the proclamation of God’s truth exciting and personal rests with those of us who preach. The ‘hearers of the Word’ can’t easily become ‘doers’ if their ‘hearing’ doesn’t become ‘seeing.’ ”

Seek to engage your students’ “seeing” through the use of stories and metaphors that stimulate their heads and hearts.