



Life Groups Discussion Guide

As the discussion leader, there are a few things to keep in mind for your Life Group:

- Pray for your group discussion time!
- Review your notes from the sermon and familiarize yourself with the discussion questions prior to the meeting.
- Choose a few questions from the guide which you feel will generate the most discussion in your group.
- Read the passage as a group before launching into a discussion.

Text: Mark 16:1-8

Getting to Know Me:

- What's your favorite Easter candy? In your opinion, what is the worst Easter candy?
- What life lesson did you learn the hard way?
- What was the most significant thing you learned from the message today?

Discussion Questions:

1. Read vv.5-7. After they discovered Jesus had risen from the grave, why do you suppose the first thing they were told to do was go and tell others what they have seen? Why is personal testimony so important when sharing your faith? What is the most recent miraculous thing God has done in your life? Who is one person you can encourage with that testimony of God's faithfulness?
2. Read v.6 and Romans 8:34, 38-39. How did Christ's death and resurrection make a way for us to have a continual relationship with him? What does it mean to have a growing relationship with Christ? What spiritual discipline (i.e., prayer, Bible reading, journaling, etc.) has been the most effective in helping your walk with God? Which do you need to grow in?
3. Read Matthew 26:69-75. In Mark 16:7 the angel told the ladies at the tomb to "go tell his disciples and Peter" about Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Out of everyone who followed Jesus, why do you think that God took the time to give a personal message to Peter? What do you think this simple statement meant to Peter? When was the last time God did something to personally remind you of his love for you? What is one thing you can do this week to personally show God's love to someone?
4. In this passage, when the ladies went to the tomb of Jesus they thought it was over and they would find Jesus' dead body. However, instead they discovered God had worked a miracle! Have you ever been in a situation where you thought it was over, only to find God worked miraculously on your behalf? Explain. What is one current situation in which you need God to work a miracle? Take time to pray for that as a group.
5. In this passage we see the power of Jesus' resurrection forever changed the lives of the disciples. How have you seen God's power change your life or the life of someone you personally know? Who is one person you are praying for to be changed by the power of God? Take time to pray that God would miraculously change those people!
6. Read Ephesians 1:18-21. Of all the powerful and miraculous things God has done in the Bible, why did Paul choose to use the resurrection as his evidence of the power of God? What would it look like for a Christian to truly "understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him" (v.19 NLT)? What are some things you can do to walk in that power?