



## Small Group Guide – Easter - April 2, 4, 5

*Upside Down: Don't Miss It*

**Date:** Easter - April 2, 4, 5

**Focus Passage(s):** Luke 24

**Theme:** Sometimes we miss what God is doing, not because He isn't working, but because we're looking for something else.

### **Suggested Schedule (60 minutes total)**

Segment	Time	Description
Icebreaker	10 min	Get comfortable, begin connecting
Intro/Recap	5 min	Read the key passages for the week
Group Discussion	25 min	Dive into Scripture and discuss application
Deeper Dive Option	5–10 min	Deeper Bible study or individual challenge
Prayer & Requests	10–15 min	Close in prayer for growth + personal needs

### **Welcome + Icebreaker (10 min)**

Have you ever spent time looking for something, only to realize it was right in front of you the whole time? What happened?

What is something important you feel like people often overlook or take for granted?

### **Key Message Recap**

We are looking at the Easter story through Luke 24, where multiple people miss what God is doing even though it is right in front of them.

## **Dig Deeper – Discussion Questions (25 min)**

### **The Women at the Tomb – Missing in Grief:**

Read Luke 24:1-6.

What stands out to you about how the women respond at the tomb?

Why do you think the women were so confused even after everything Jesus had said?

How can grief or pain make it harder to see what God is doing?

Have you ever experienced a season where pain made it difficult to trust God?

**Key Truth:** Pain can cloud our perspective.

### **The Disciples – Missing in Doubt:**

Read Luke 24:11.

Why did the disciples dismiss the women's story as nonsense?

Why is it sometimes hard to believe what God has already said or promised?

What role does doubt play in your faith journey?

**Key Truth:** Doubt can cause us to dismiss truth.

### **The Road to Emmaus – Missing in Confusion:**

Read Luke 24:13-16.

Why do you think the two men didn't recognize Jesus?

How can we be close to Jesus, but still miss Him in our daily lives?

What helps you recognize God's presence more clearly?

**Key Truth:** We often miss what God is doing because of what we are feeling or expecting.

### **The Good News:**

Read Luke 24:46-47.

What does it mean that "there is forgiveness of sins for all who repent"?

How would you explain repentance in your own words?

Why is this message central to Easter?

**Key Truth:** Jesus offers forgiveness and new life to everyone who turns to Him.

## **Real Life Reflection** (5 min)

Just like the people in Luke 24, we can miss what God is doing even when it is right in front of us. It's possible to be near Jesus and still not recognize Him due to pain, fear, disappointment and familiarity. Which of these do you relate to most right now? Why?

Where might you be missing what God is doing in your life right now?

Jesus doesn't stop being who He is just because we miss it. He keeps showing up. He keeps reminding. He keeps pursuing.

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## **Next Steps Challenge** (5 min)

Spend time reflecting on what Jesus has done for you.

Identify an area where fear, pain, or disappointment is shaping your perspective.

Take a step toward God instead of away from Him.

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## **Deeper Dive**

### ***Thomas***

Primary Scripture: John 20:24-29

Thomas struggled to believe the resurrection until he saw Jesus himself.

### ***Key Moments***

Doubt John 20:25

Encounter John 20:27

Belief John 20:28

Why did Thomas struggle to believe?

How do you relate to needing clarity or proof?

What does Jesus' response to Thomas show us?

Have you experienced doubt turning into faith?

Doubt does not disqualify faith. Jesus meets us in questions. Don't miss what Jesus is doing right in front of you.

## **Prayer Time (10 min)**

Thank Jesus for His death and resurrection.

Confess areas where you have struggled to trust Him.

Ask for clarity to see what He is doing.

Reflect on repentance and taking a next step like baptism, serving or giving.