



## GUIDE FOR GROUP STUDY: the week of April 1st

This study is designed to help your community group grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. There are three dimensions to following Jesus.



**UP:** growing in relationship with God

**IN:** growing in relationship with other followers of Jesus

**OUT:** growing in relationship with the world around us as we join God in God's mission

**Get Started (if you are a new Life Group, start your study here):**

What's the best piece of news you have received lately?



**IN: Connect with Each Other**

Break into smaller groups and share your response to the following question:

What's one thing you have learned about Jesus through our group's time together during the season of Lent?  
Or, what's one thing the Lord has shown you through our sermon series, *Really?*



**UP: Connect with God through Spending Time in His Word**

Read together our passage for the week, Mark 16:1-8. Allow a few moments to silently reflect on what you heard. Read it one more time together. Pray for your study of God's Word.

1. What do you notice about our passage? What questions do you have after reading the passage?
2. Why do you think Mark identified these women specifically by name in verse 1?
3. Re-read verses 6 and 7. What are the women instructed to do? Why is this significant?
4. Who in your life has served as a witness to you, sharing the good news of the Risen Jesus with you?
5. How would you respond to the following questions: Do you think Jesus really came back from the dead? Why did so many people believe it?

6. Like the women in our passage, the good news of Jesus' resurrection can take us by surprise. Where in your life do you need to hear this good news today? In what specific circumstances or situations do you need to hear again the good news that death does not win and that Jesus brings eternal life and victory?

Going Deeper: What is a word, phrase, or thought from today's passage or from our time together that God seems to be lifting up as significant for you? How does it speak to a current situation in your life? How is God inviting you to respond?



**Out: Connect with the World Around Us (Join God in His Mission)**

Throughout our sermon series, we will look at questions to ask a skeptic or non-believer as a conversation starter. We raise these questions not to try and win an argument but to spur conversation.

Who in your life might God be inviting you to start a conversation with? Pray together for the Holy Spirit's leading and for God to open up opportunities.

**Try it Out:** Ask someone our question for the week. "Do you think Jesus really came back from the dead? Why did so many people believe it?" What do you learn from their response?