

Easter | Easter Sunday

April 9th, 2023

My Story Questions

These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one. OR.... You might start the meeting with one person sharing highlights of their story. Set up a rotation.

- 1) Which extended family members or friends do you travel to see most often?
- 2) How did you see God at work during the last week?

Study Questions

These are meant for personal preparation and group discussion. Use all or pick a few to discuss.

Matthew 28:1-15

- 1) What details of Jesus' burial make it difficult to believe his body was stolen during the night.
- 2) What evidence helps you believe that Jesus rose from the dead as the women claimed?
- 3) Why is it important that the body of Jesus rose and not simply His spirit? (I Cor. 15:45-58)
- 4) Jesus appeared to the women. What do you learn about Jesus from this interaction? What other appearances did he make?
- 5) How did these appearances help develop the understanding that Jesus is now always present? What helps you to experience God's presence though He is not visible?
- 6) How did the following groups respond to the facts of the resurrection? 1) the women, 2) the guards, 3) the Jewish leaders, 4) the Jewish people? What do you learn about the human condition?
- 7) How have you responded to the facts of the resurrection? What effect does it have on daily life?

Matthew 28:16-20

- 8) What two things did Jesus say his disciples were to do when they made disciples? How is this command fulfilled at Two Rivers? How are you part of fulfilling this command?
- 9) What makes water baptism a helpful image for what following God will look like?
- 10) Notice the phrases that show the scope of Jesus' command; "**all** nations", "**all** that I have commanded". Why is the command something that believers must do individually and together with others?
- 11) Who has God used to help you grow? What action can you take that might help another choose Christ or follow Christ more closely?
- 12) What else stands out to you about this connection between Easter and the "Great Commission"?
- 13) Are there any questions from the Live it Out or thought from the Bible Project that you would like to discuss. Link <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/what-is-bible/>

Responding to Jesus

Offer these questions for personal reflection before your group prayer time. Practice listening for God's voice.

- 1) Lord, "How can I live more aware of your presence daily?"
- 2) Lord, "What would you have me do this week to help another take a step toward following you?"