

Life Groups: Connecting people to God, His Word, and One Another

Questions based upon Pastor Bill's message on April 1

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO ONE ANOTHER:

- 1) What church did you attend when you were a child? Do you have any memories of Easter services from your childhood?
- 2) How has the story of Easter changed your life?

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO GOD'S WORD: Read Luke 24:1-12

- 1) Why did the women go to Jesus' tomb?
- 2) Who appeared to the women?
- 3) Of what words of Jesus were the women reminded?
- 4) How did the disciples respond to the report given by the women?

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO GOD THROUGH THE SERMON AND PRAYER:

- 1) What happened at the resurrection? Share some resurrection experiences found in the Bible.
- 2) If you could travel back in time and experience one of Jesus' resurrection appearances, which one would you be at? *With Mary Magdalene at the tomb, watching the stone be rolled away as the guards fainted, watching Thomas touch his nailed scared wounds, traveling on the Emmaus Road, etc.*
- 3) Why is so much of the four gospels dedicated to the story of Easter?
- 4) What is most significant to you about the Easter story? What aspect of the Passion Week stands out to you the most?
- 5) Why does the resurrection matter?
- 6) What else did you write down in your notes? What stood out to you?
- 7) Pastor Bill's last sermon at GMC ended with these words; "You see my friend, the truth is, the third day, this day, is your day. If you will give him your life, he will change you forever. That's the story of Easter. And Jesus is just getting started." What is significant about those words?

APPLYING THIS LESSON:

- 1) Are you looking for the living among the dead? Are you looking to find life in things that bring harm to your life and soul? Is there anything you need to turn from or stop doing?

PRAYER: Take time to thank and praise Jesus for all that he endured on the cross and for the hope we have of eternal life. If Jesus came to church next Easter, what would you thank him for?