



INTRODUCTION

Jesus is buried after his death on the cross, but death cannot contain him! We are confronted with the amazing and glorious news that the tomb is empty, words that still invoke wonder, joy, and worship of our King.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore please use it as a tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was your biggest take away from the sermon?
- How do you think you would have responded to news of the empty tomb?

REVIEW

- Have someone read **Luke 24:1-12**
- Why is it significant that these women are the first to witness the empty tomb?
- How do these angels validate the faithfulness of Jesus' word?
- What is the significance of the empty tomb for mankind?
- Why did the apostles disbelieve?

APPLICATION

- What does it mean to you personally that the tomb is empty?
- Why is Easter not simply a time to be inspired?
- Have you encountered people (or pastors) who spiritualize the message of Easter ("We keep Jesus alive in our hearts" ... "Easter tells us after disaster comes new birth")? Why do many do this?
- How has Jesus set you free by conquering Satan, sin, and death?
- How will the resurrection of Jesus impact you this week? How does it give you power?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?