



# **LifeGroup Discussion Packet**

## **God's Great Rescue Plan**

Easter Weekend

Luke 24:1-12

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## Main Idea:

Because Jesus rose from the dead, God is still at work when life feels shattered, real hope is found in Christ alone, and through the risen Jesus, your story can begin again.

## Key Verse:

“Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.” Luke 24:5-6 (ESV)

## Message Summary

In Luke 24:1-12, the first Easter morning begins not with celebration but with heartbreak, confusion, and shattered expectations. The women come to the tomb carrying spices for a funeral, only to discover that God had already moved the stone and that Jesus was alive. This weekend's message showed that Easter reveals three powerful truths... when your world feels shattered, God is still at work; when you look for life in dead places, Jesus calls you back to hope; and when you encounter the risen Jesus, your story can begin again. The resurrection is not just something to admire... it is God's rescue plan to receive. Through Jesus, broken people can be brought back to God, and because He lives, hope lives.

## Warm-Up Question

What is one time in your life when God was working even though you could not see it at the time?

## Discussion Questions

### 1. Pastor Todd said the women were “carrying spices,” not celebrating resurrection.

- Why is it significant to understand that Easter began in heartbreak and confusion rather than confidence and joy?
- How does that encourage you in your own struggles?

### 2. Read Luke 24:1-3.

- What stands out to you about the phrase, “By the time they arrived, God had already moved the stone”?

- How does that truth speak to seasons when God seems silent or absent?

**3. In Point 2, an important question was pointed out... “Why do you seek the living among the dead?” This was a question for them, but for us too.**

- What are some “dead places” people commonly look to for life, identity, peace, or security today?

**4. The message said, “Anything you ask to replace Jesus will eventually disappoint you. Only Jesus can give life that death cannot take away.”**

- Where do people most often look for false hope in our culture?

- Where are you most tempted to do that personally?

**5. Read Luke 24:6-8.**

- Why do you think the angels told the women to “remember” what Jesus had already said?

- How does remembering God's truth help us when life is confusing, and pain gets loud?

**6. Read Luke 24:9-12. It was highlighted that Peter ran to the tomb and thought something like this, “Maybe my worst moment is not my final word. Maybe grace still has my name on it.”**

- What do those lines reveal about Peter, and why are they so encouraging for anyone carrying regret or shame?

**7. The message said Easter is “more than an event to celebrate. It is a rescue to receive.”**

- What is the difference between admiring the resurrection and personally receiving the risen Christ?

## **Going Deeper**

Pastor Todd's three key points were...

- God is still at work
- Jesus calls you back to hope
- Your story can begin again

Which of those three truths do you most need right now... work, hope, or again... and why?

## **Next Step**

This week, spend time each day thanking Jesus for one specific area where you need resurrection hope. Then ask Him to help you stop looking for life in the wrong places and trust Him in a fresh way. If there is an area of shame, disappointment, or fear that you have been carrying, surrender it to the risen Christ and believe that because Jesus is alive, your story can begin again.