



GROW. PRAY. SERVE.

Easter Weekend 2010

Message: Your Stone is Gone!

PRAYER: God, thank you for raising Christ from the dead, now raise us up that we might live to your glory, honor and praise. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

ICEBREAKER: What is your earliest Easter memory?

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. The idea of this study is to soak in the story of the resurrection – experiencing it again as if for the first time. Together, read through the resurrection accounts in Mark 16. Soak up the reading. Listen to the drama. Feel what your particular character would have been feeling at the time – think about his or her motivation and perspective.
2. Share together what struck you most from the reading – what did you see or hear in a new way? Have each person who had a role in the dramatic reading share what insight they got from their character. What was going on? Why did they respond the way they did?
3. What impact does Jesus' resurrection have for your own life? Paul reflects on this question in 1 Corinthians 15:3-28, 50-57. What do you glean from this passage?
4. For Peter, the resurrection was an incredible new beginning. Just prior to the cross he had vehemently denied Jesus. In what state of hopelessness would he have been left if the resurrection had not occurred? What difference did the resurrection make for him personally? What application is there for us?

CHALLENGE: It's a challenge to live daily in the power of the resurrection. Think about one of the stones blocking your positive progress and make a move despite it this week.

CHAMPION TIP: Continuing to grow can be an intimidating process. Pray for your group members person by person this week as they continue to grow in grace.