



Easter at West Side – Just As He Said Discussion & Reflection Guide

Message & Scripture Discussion

- **What are some of your Easter celebration traditions?**
- **What stood out to you from Sunday's service?** How did you sense God at work in you through the songs, the video, the message, and being together with others as part of the church? (The message's main points and scripture are listed below if it helps you think back.)
- **Read the full story of the resurrection in Luke 24:1-12.** Consider reading through it several times in several translations.
 - What stands out to you in this account?
 - What emotions are present?
 - Do you relate to any of the followers of Jesus in this story? How so?
- In the story, as the women were still reeling from the death of Jesus and confused when his body was gone, God was at work in ways that they couldn't see at the time. "God works incognito from the shadows and has no problem leaving us uninformed for a while, even when he knows he will rescue us later."
 - **Have you ever had a season where there was compounding loss and you longed for God to give you a break?**
 - **How can you now see that God was at work in ways you couldn't understand at the time?**
 - **What does it look like to walk by faith (not by sight) in these seasons of disorientation, grief, and confusion?**
- Eddie shared, "When we forget his promises, God is gracious enough to send messengers to remind us."
 - **Have you had any messengers lately that have reminded you of God and his truth?**
 - **What helps you to remember what God has promised?** Get practical.
- "When people are truly transformed, it is because of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ." This power is at work today. **How have you seen the resurrection power of Jesus in action?**
- In the scripture, Peter walks away still uncertain. "Even for the original followers of Jesus, confidence in the resurrection did not begin with certainty." **Can you invite Jesus to walk with you and meet with you in your questions and uncertainty? How could you do that practically?**
- **Is there anything else from the message you want to explore more deeply this week?**

Message Main Points & Scripture

- **The remains of Jesus are not located in a grave or a tomb.**
- **We will not reunite with loved ones who die until Jesus returns.**
- Luke 24:1-3 – “Very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. So they went in, but they didn’t find the body of the Lord Jesus.”
- **God is working now in ways that we will discover later.**
- Luke 24:4-8 – “As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes. The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, ‘Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day?’ Then they remembered that he had said this.”
- **Grief is not the final chapter of your story.**
- **Grief has a way of obscuring the truth that God has already revealed.**
- **Remember!**
- **When people are truly transformed, it is because of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.**
- Luke 24:12 – “However, Peter jumped up and ran to the tomb to look. Stooping, he peered in and saw the empty linen wrappings; then he went home again, wondering what had happened.”
- **Come and see!**
- **CHRIST IS RISEN. HE IS RISEN, INDEED.**

We hope you’ll use this guide to take the teaching from Sunday’s service and reflect on it with a few friends or with a group. If you have questions or want to talk more about how to take your next spiritual step, contact us at info@wschurch.org.