

We are Raised and Sent

LifeGroup Lesson

April 1, 2018

Matthew 28:1-20

OPENING PRAYER:

Lord, we remember this day that you rose from the grave in order to raise us to life. We admit that we take that life and squander it on things that don't matter. We ask for your strength and guidance to use this new life to glorify you and to call others to your kingdom. We praise you for this wonderful gift of new life and pray that you will complete the work that you have started in us. Amen.

BREAKING THE ICE:

- What did you agree/disagree with in the LifeTalk?
- How did you celebrate Easter growing up?

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

Read Matthew 28:1-20

- What strikes you about this passage?
- Place yourself in the shoes of the women at the tomb. What are some of the emotions that you would have felt?
- Why do you think the chief priests were so adamant about covering up the resurrection?
- Jesus appeared to the disciples in Galilee and it says that they worshipped him, but some doubted. Have you ever experienced doubts before?
- Each of these disciples, however, would go on to proclaim the gospel at the cost of their lives. It shows that while they doubted they eventually found an even stronger faith. What might be some ways to help you through your doubts?
- Jesus gives what is called the great commission. How do you see your life working toward that commission?
- What does it look like for Jesus to be with you?

NEXT STEPS:

- How will your life be different based upon what you have learned in this week's scripture, lesson and/or LifeTalk?
- Think of one way that you can work toward fulfilling the great commission. Perhaps it is taking a moment to share your testimony with someone or perhaps it means joining a bible study for your own personal growth.
- Each day, set aside a few minutes of the day to simply acknowledge Jesus' presence in your life and ask to be shown what he is doing in your life.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

Lord, help us live into your kingdom calling today and every day. Show us how to love well, to show compassion for the hurting, and to seek justice for the downtrodden. Grow our faith in you so that we will be a light for others. Pour out your spirit on us so that we may turn and pour out into others. And above all else increase our love for you and our awareness of your presence which sustains us at all times. Amen.