# LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

# Resurrection Morning: Hope & New Beginnings March 31, 2024

# Summary

In this Easter sermon, Pastor Dale speaks about the transformative power of Christ's resurrection. The resurrection transforms hearts by offering forgiveness and a fresh start. It instills hope beyond this life. We are all invited to surrender our lives to Christ and trust in His victory over death.

# Scripture

When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died." The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened. Mark 16:5-8 (NLT)

#### Let's Start

How does your family typically celebrate Easter?

# **Gratitude and Prayer**

How has God worked in your life since we were together?

# Let's Talk

- 1. Pastor Dale talked about three ways the Resurrection challenges a person's thinking. Spend time discussing these three challenges.
  - The Resurrection challenges our thinking because it sets Jesus apart from all others!
  - The Resurrection transforms our hearts because it offers you a fresh start before you ask!
  - The Resurrection changes our behavior because it gives us hope beyond this life!
- 2. Have you ever struggled with the concept of receiving forgiveness and a fresh start from God, as Peter did? How does understanding Jesus' grace transform our understanding of forgiveness?
- 3. Reflecting on the story of Joni Eareckson Tada, how does the hope of the resurrection influence our perspective on suffering and adversity?
- 4. Consider the tightrope walker illustration. How does trusting Jesus with our lives require surrender and letting go of self-reliance?





5. In what ways can we practically live out the hope of the resurrection in our daily lives, especially in challenging circumstances?

#### Let's Act

If you haven't already, what steps can you take to surrender your life to Christ and trust in His victory over death?

