

THE GREATEST CURTAIN CALL IN HISTORY

Matthew 28:1-10

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- What three words would you use to describe your Easter weekend?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

Intro:

- **Read** Matthew 28:1-10 together. In the message on Sunday, Pastor Pat contrasted the responses of four groups of people at Christ's death and His resurrection.
- Look back at the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard (a new idea, an application, an illustration, a challenge, a question, or a new way of thinking)?

At Christ's death the Jews were worried (Matthew 27:62). At the resurrection they became deniers.

- Do you know anybody that believes that Jesus was a real person, but deny the resurrection? How might you use your own faith story to talk to them about Jesus?
- What areas of your life prove to those around you that you believe in the resurrection?

At Christ's death the disciples were afraid (John 20:19). At the resurrection they became evangelists.

- Talk about a time in your life when you were persecuted or ostracized because of your faith in Jesus. Do you know others that have endured more severe persecution because of their faith?
- Easter gives us courage to talk to others about Jesus. Share with your group a few stories of conversations you've had with people about your faith lately.

At Christ's death Peter was devastated (Luke 22:61). At the resurrection he became a leader.

- When was the last time that you felt like you disappointed God? How did you respond?
- Think about your circles of influence (family, job, neighborhood, Cell Group, etc.) - how can you step up as a spiritual leader in the next few weeks?

At Christ's death the women were heartbroken (John 20). At the resurrection they were honored.

- In John 20:16, Jesus heals Mary's heart by simply saying her name. How has Jesus healed you of some of your disappointment, hurt, or pain?

PRAY WITH EACH OTHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Praise God for the resurrection and the change the Jesus has made in your own life.
- Pray that you would have courage and boldness to share the good news of the resurrection this week.

"I believe in Christianity as I believe the sun has risen, not just because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."

C.S. Lewis

