

THE PORTRAIT OF A BURNING HEART

Luke 23:50-24:35

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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 was the most meaningful part of the Good Friday or Easter services this year? Why?
- Choose a picture on the next page that best pictures the condition of your heart right now. Explain to your group why you chose that picture.

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** passages below. In his message, Pastor Pat described four hearts surrounding the resurrection.

1. Joseph of Arimathea: A Courageous Heart (Luke 23:50-53)

- a. Joseph was a member of the religious council, but didn't agree with the plan to crucify Jesus. Talk about a time when you disagreed with the majority around you. What did you do?
- b. Mark 15:43 tells us that it was the death of Christ that gave Joseph the courage to act. When was the last time you stepped out in courage because of Jesus?
- c. Do you know someone who seems to have a courageous heart for Christ? How might you imitate them this week? If you can, ask them how they got that courageous heart!

2. The Women: A Consistent Heart (Luke 23:55-24:3)

- a. What's one spiritual discipline you could start consistently that would help grow your faith?
- b. Several women followed Jesus faithfully throughout his life, but lacked faith at the tomb. Share with your group about a time when you went through the motions of religion, but lacked faith.

3. Angels in the Empty Tomb: A Remembering Heart (Luke 24:4-8)

- a. What are some of your favorite promises in the Bible? Take a few minutes and encourage each other by reading them out loud.
- b. How can you remind yourself (and others) of the message of Good Friday and Easter throughout the year? Think of some practical ways to remember what Jesus did for you personally.

4. Two Disciples Along the Road: A Burning Heart (Luke 24:13-16)

- a. Although the two men knew about Jesus, they didn't recognize Him right away. If someone asked you this week, "Who is Jesus to you?" How would you respond?
- b. Verse 30-31 describe when the men finally saw Jesus as He really was for the first time. Tell your group about the time when you first recognized Jesus as your Lord and Savior.
- c. If you've been a Christian for a while, what can you do to keep the fire in your heart from fading?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- As a group, pray that God would give you hearts on fire to know Him and make Him known!



