

The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Community 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](http://www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons).

**CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)**

- What are some of your favorite Easter traditions? Do you know where those traditions come from? What are some meaningful traditions you would like to start this year or in the future?

**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** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, **Pastor Pat told the story of Jesus' resurrection from the Gospel of Mark, chapter sixteen.**

**What do you Believe this Easter?****1. Come and see - there is evidence to observe (Mark 16:1-8, especially vs. 6)**

- The women who came to Jesus' tomb expected to find a dead man, but they found the tomb empty and Jesus alive! Tell your group about when someone introduced you to Jesus - what did you expect to find when you met Jesus? Did you have a picture of Jesus that was different than what He truly is? What formed your picture of Jesus before you believed in Him as your Savior?
- The women who followed Jesus were devoted to Him, but that devotion didn't save them - the resurrected Jesus did! What would you tell someone that says, "It doesn't matter what you believe, as long as you are sure of what you believe"?
- How confident are you in the truth of what you believe? Could you defend your faith in a conversation with a skeptic? What are some areas of truth you might need to be more confident in?

**2. Go and tell - there's a message worth telling (Mark 16:1-8, especially vs. 7)**

- We go and tell in faith, not sight (vs. 7). The angel told the women that they would soon see Jesus. They had not actually seen Him yet - and neither have we. Are you usually someone who has faith in things you haven't seen? How does that translate to your relationship with God?
- We go and tell with trembling, not timidity (vs. 8). Put yourself at the empty tomb with the women that first morning. What response would you personally have to Christ's resurrection? What response do you have today?
- We go and tell with confidence, not confusion (vs. 8). Pastor introduced us to a family who is following God's call into missions to tell people the Gospel. Who is God calling you to talk to about the Gospel? Is He asking you to live on mission across the hallway, across the road, or even across the world?

**How convincing is your faith to those around you? Is your belief *believable*?****PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)**

- Ask God to give you a brand new picture of the resurrection, and to give you open doors to share that beautiful story with others.

