

This discussion guide is designed for Saylorville Church Community Groups as they live and learn together each week. The sermons and guides can be found at [www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons](http://www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons).

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

- What are some stories that you initially couldn't believe, but then turned out to be true?
- Growing up, what did you believe about the resurrection of Jesus? Have those beliefs changed?

## 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 unpacked one of the most familiar Easter passages, highlighting specific evidences for the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

## The Empty Tomb (Luke 24:1-6)

- Put yourself in the place of the women who approached the tomb that first Easter morning. What stands out to you about what the women experienced?
- The sermon emphasized that there was no body. Why is that such a central piece of evidence?
- How does the reality of an empty tomb separate Christianity from every other religion or belief system?

## The Reality of Doubt (Luke 24:9-12, 41)

- How did the disciples initially respond to the resurrection news?
- Why do you think their reaction is described as "disbelief filled with joy and wonder"?
- Where do you personally wrestle with doubt—about God, Scripture, or your faith?

## Evidences of the Resurrection

- Reflect on the evidences shared in the sermon. Which of these stands out most to you? Why?
  - Supernatural - No body in the grave
  - Physical - Jesus could be touched, ate food
  - Multiple Appearances - Many witnesses over 40 days
  - Unexplainable - Radically changed lives
  - Personal - The conversion of doubters like Thomas
- Why is it important that Christianity is grounded in historical evidence, not just feelings?
- What would you say to someone who claims the resurrection was just made up or imagined?

## *Receive and Respond: What will I do because of what I just heard?*

- Where are you today?
  - Confident in your faith
  - Wrestling with doubt
  - Believing intellectually but not personally
- What would it look like for you to move one step closer to Jesus this week?

## PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- As a group, thank God for the resurrection of his Son, Jesus!

