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Week of April 16 , 2017

These Digging Deeper questions can be used the week following the Sunday message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your family or Connect Group discussions.

Message Recap:

Read Luke 24:1-8

The women went to the tomb expecting to find what you always find in a tomb: death. But, instead they found something quite different. Jesus was not there, and he was alive! He is the only person in history to come back to life by his own accord. He defeated death and removed all our sin so that we would no longer be eternally separated from God. Christ died so that we may live. He knew that the weight of this world, the weight of all our struggles in humanity, was too much for us to bear on our own. He knew that he had to be the one to bear it – no matter the cost.

Pray

Lord, thank you for dying on the cross for our sins, and we rejoice in the fact that you rose again. We acknowledge that we could never have earned our way into Heaven on our own, and that through your sacrifice, a sacrifice that we deserve to pay, you cleared all our shame and took that blame upon yourself. We thank you for the link that you have established between us and the Father, and we pray that many others will come to share the joy and peace that comes from a direct connection to our heavenly Father through you.

Getting Started

- Did you have any favorite Easter traditions in your family growing up? Nowadays?
- Do you remember the first time you heard the Easter story of Jesus? How did it affect you?

Digging Deeper

1. When did the story of Jesus first become real to you? Was it different than when you first heard it?
2. We all have fog in our lives that separates us from God, or makes it difficult to stay focused on him. What is your fog?
3. Do you know Jesus only in your head, or does he fully reside in your heart? What is the difference?
4. Jesus wants to preside over EVERYTHING in your life. If he doesn't fully live in ALL of your heart, what is it that's keeping him out? What are you keeping from him and why?
5. If you are a believer, have you been baptized? When was it? If not, what's holding you back?
6. If you have been baptized, what's the next step for you in your faith? Do you feel God calling you to serve him in any way that you aren't yet?

Living Jesus

Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice so we wouldn't have to. It's easy to lose sight of that going through our daily lives. The world throws many distractions at us, and we must always fight to keep the fog at bay. Jesus is our guiding light through the darkness, and the Bible is our window into his life. Read it daily and you will be shown the way to prevail over the creeping fog. Pray every day (without ceasing) to stay in communication with God. Make the choice to choose Jesus today, and every day, for the rest of your life!

Stop trying to do what's already been done...

- Admit that there's no way to earn God's love. Stop trying to be 'good enough'.
- Let the free love of Jesus wash over you and give you the peace only he can provide.
- Tell the world what he's done for you. Share God's grace with those still lost.