



## Questions for Personal Study or Group Discussion

### Open

- What's the first thing you like to do on Sunday mornings? Eat breakfast? Read the news?
- How would you feel if the lead story in the news was the resurrection of Jesus?

### Read

- Matthew 28:1-20

### Observe

- Who visits the tomb first? Why? What do you think they were feeling on the way?
- Why do you think Jesus appeared to these women even before he appeared to his disciples?
- How did the disciples respond to the women's story? How do they respond to Jesus' appearance?
- Why did the religious authorities put together a false narrative about the resurrection? What were they trying to accomplish?

### Apply

- Why are Christians sometimes called "Easter People?" How does the reality of Jesus' resurrection affect you personally?
- How does the Jesus' commission to the disciples in verses 16-20 apply to you? How can it give you hope as you seek to follow Jesus?

### Prayer

Resurrected Jesus, I am overwhelmed by the Easter story. The great, Good News that you have defeated sin and death and hell gives me hope as I approach each day. I want by the power of your Holy Spirit to actively live out the commission to "go and make disciples." Let me be an instrument of your kingdom as long as I live or until you return. Amen.

### Recommended Reading

- "Is Easter Unbelievable?" by Rebecca McLaughlin

