

Life Group Lesson Outline

Easter Sunday

Date of sermon given: April 5th, 2026

Icebreaker (10-15 minutes)

Purpose: Encourage fellowship and set a comfortable tone.

Example Questions:

- What is your high and low for the week?
 - What are some things that gave you joy this week?
 - What are some things that gave you sadness this week?
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Lesson / Discussion (30-40 minutes)

Opening Scripture Reading: Luke 19:29-48

Theme = Pastor Sam explored the radical difference between viewing Jesus as a "dead hero" to be memorialized and encountering him as the "living Lord" who actively pursues and transforms lives today.

Question 1 = Pastor Sam contrasts the "Jesus of Nazareth Memorial Society" with the "Church." In what ways do people—even those in the church—sometimes treat Jesus more like a historical hero to be honored rather than a living person to be followed?

Question 2 = In Luke 24, the disciples didn't recognize Jesus at first as they walked and talked. Why do you think we sometimes fail to recognize God's presence or activity in our daily lives until after the fact?

Question 3 = The disciples described their hearts "burning within them" as Jesus opened the Scriptures to them. Have you ever had a moment where a spiritual truth suddenly clicked or felt "kindled" in your heart? What was that experience like?

Question 4 = The sermon shares the story of Paul Kingsnorth, who felt "hunted" or "haunted" by Christ even when he didn't want to believe. How does the idea of Jesus as an active pursuer change the way you think about evangelism and your own faith journey?

Reflection / Prayer = Take some time to pray for each other and our church.

Prayer Requests (10-30 minutes)

- Invite group members to share prayer needs. It would be good for the Leader to start this sharing time.
 - Close with prayer, praying for each request. (if they are comfortable, rotate who prays for the group)
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- **Leader Notes** [Space for personal notes or reflections]

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