

**SERMON:** The Resurrection of Jesus  
**SERIES:** The Gospel of Mark  
**SPEAKER:** Pastor Mark

April 1, 2018

**CONNECT** (5-10 minutes): Help the members of the group grow in relationships with one another so all people in the group know they matter. Spend some time discovering what is happening in the lives of your group members. Share how God has been revealing himself in each other's lives.

**REVIEW** (15-20 minutes): Use this time to review the passage and the sermon outline (see below).

Note: this is a great opportunity to share leadership.

Use these simple questions to review the sermon/passage or for if you don't have much time:

1. What does this passage teach you about God? About us?
2. How does this passage point us to the gospel? How does it challenge you? Change you?

**SCRIPTURE:**

*Mark 16:1-8.*

*When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" <sup>4</sup> And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. <sup>5</sup> And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup> And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.*

**SERMON OUTLINE:**

- I. The resurrection is rooted in historical truth.
- II. The resurrection is rooted in transforming grace.
- III. The resurrection is rooted in eternal life.

**GROW** (45-60 minutes): Use this time to go deeper with your group.

Use these questions to discuss the sermon/passage:

1. Do you struggle to believe in the historicity of the resurrection? What makes it easy/difficult for you to believe that it happened? What questions do you have about the resurrection?
2. How do Jesus' death and resurrection show that we need a Savior not just an example? What is the danger in seeing Jesus as only your example? Why is "Jesus as my example" not good news?
3. We often think of the cross as an act of grace (and of course it is), but how is the resurrection an act of grace too (remember: grace is getting what we don't deserve)? How does Jesus show grace to the Disciples and Peter at his resurrection?
4. How does the resurrection change the way we live? Think through these thoughts: a) One day we will get back everything we have lost, and we will gain everything we never had. B) Your failures no longer define you.
5. How does the resurrection change the way we die? Do you know for sure what will happen to you when you die? The resurrection of Christ guarantees our resurrection- do you believe this?

Pray: Thank God for the resurrection grace of Christ. Ask God to give you the faith to live your life from the truths of the resurrection- future glory and forsaken shame.