

## GOOD FRIDAY/ EASTER SUNDAY

GOOD FRIDAY: Mark 14 & 15 EASTER SUNDAY: Mark 16:1-8

### MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

#### GOOD FRIDAY

1. WE ARE MORE SINFUL THAN WE WOULD DARE BELIEVE
2. WE ARE MORE LOVED THAN WE WOULD DARE IMAGINE

#### EASTER SUNDAY

1. DID IT HAPPEN?
  - THE TIMING IS TOO EARLY
  - THE CONTENT IS TOO COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE
  - THE TRANSFORMATION WAS TOO RADICAL
2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
  - THE RESURRECTION CAN CHANGE YOU IN THIS LIFE
  - THE RESURRECTION CAN GIVE YOU HOPE BEYOND THIS LIFE

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. One theme of our Easter weekend was that you do not need to check your intellect at the door to follow Jesus. Why do you think it's so common to feel like you have to choose between thinking deeply or following Jesus? How do reason and faith coexist in Christianity?
3. On Good Friday we talked about how the cross of Jesus shows us we are both more sinful than we dare believe AND more loved than we dare imagine. Which of these ideas is harder for you to believe? What are some of the results in a person's life if they can grasp BOTH of these truths?
4. If the resurrection didn't happen then Christianity is a waste of time. What evidence of the resurrection is most compelling to you? Are there any questions you have about the historical evidence surrounding the resurrection?
5. Christianity alone can dispel the fear that is at the center of every human heart. What are some of your deepest fears? How might the resurrection of Jesus put those fears to rest?
6. Does the resurrection of Jesus change the way you live your daily life? If so, what specific ways does it change things for you? Does it change the way you face suffering? If so, how?

**A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU:** The resurrection is not just a promise of consolation, it is the promise of the restoration of the life you've always longed for but never had.