

## 14 DAYS: Week 3 – The Resurrection

**Open in Prayer**

**Welcome/Introductions/Cast Vision**

**Remind the Grow Group of the ground rules**

**Share context of the story** *[Provide context by sharing the information below.]*

After Jesus' death, Joseph of Arimathea went to Pilate and requested the body of Jesus. Then he took the body and wrapped it in linen cloth and laid it in a new tomb. As His body was taken away, the women from Galilee followed and saw the tomb where Jesus' body was placed. Then they went home and prepared spices and ointments to anoint His body. But by the time they were finished, the Sabbath had begun, so they rested.

**Tell the story** – Luke 24:1-12 *[Have someone tell the story.]*

**Rebuild the story** *[Group members tell the story together based on what they remember.]*

**Read the story out loud** *[Read the scripture passage to see if anything was added or omitted.]*

**Discuss these questions:**

1. What do we learn about God from this passage? *[Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead to pay the penalty for our sins and purchase a place in heaven for us; Jesus keeps His promises (verses 6-8); God brings people into our lives to help us in our walk with Him; God desires an intimate and personal relationship with us; God demonstrated His love to us on the cross (Roman 5:8); God loves us with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3); etc.]*
2. What do we learn about Man/Us from this passage? *[I am often perplexed by how I see God work in my life and in the life of others; fear often keeps me from following Jesus wholeheartedly; I have to constantly be reminded of the truths of Scripture lest I forget them; I was a sinner in desperate need of God's salvation; I am called to share the good news with others; I often have to see in order to believe; the cross was once foolishness to me when I was perishing without God (I Corinthians 1:18); etc.]*
3. What is God saying to you specifically through this passage as it pertains to your life, marriage, family, and work?
4. In light of what you've learned today, what do you need to do to obey God?

**Other questions specific to this passage:**

1. Though the women shared the good news of Jesus' empty tomb, most thought they were crazy. Do you get frustrated when others don't believe? Why?
2. According to II Corinthians 5:14-15, as disciples of Jesus, how are we to live?

**Assign next week's passage** – Deuteronomy 6:1-9 *[Ask someone to tell the story next week.]*

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## 14 DAYS: Week 3 – Leadership Coaching

*The purpose of this page is to help you sharpen your skills as a Grow Group leader. Each week, we will include concepts, challenges, and resources designed to assist you as you lead and shepherd your Grow Group and grow as a disciple yourself.*

### **Leading** *[learn to facilitate your group more effectively]*

One-on-one communication is so important. Make the effort to call or text your Grow Group members during the week. See how they are doing and if there is anything going on that day that you can pray for. Encourage all your group members to do the same. Being able to stay in contact during the week will strengthen your relationships and help deepen your group discussion.

### **Shepherding** *[know the sheep, feed the sheep, lead the sheep, protect the sheep]*

Giving is a hard topic for many people to discuss. Many people are stretched financially for a variety of reasons. You are likely to hear someone express their desire to give, but given their current financial condition, they don't see how it is even possible.

Encourage them to make a commitment and move forward. As with any spiritual discipline, they may need to take small steps. Stress that a budget is critical in helping most people be good stewards. Many individuals have plenty of financial resources, but they have no idea where the money is going. Contact the Discipleship Ministry office and we can e-mail you a sample budget to help them get started. Re-adjusting expenses and lifestyle changes may need to be made. Always encourage them in their desire to honor God with their resources. God would not call us to tithe and then not help us fulfill that command.

### **Developing** *[grow as a disciple yourself]*

"Giving goes beyond a duty or obligation. Biblical giving displays a heart worshipping God." Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life by Donald Whitney

Scripture clearly teaches that our giving is an act of worship. In 1 Corinthians 9, Paul declares that he desires the people to give generously out of a cheerful heart, not compulsion. It is the willingness to place the needs of others above our own, by parting with something meaningful to us, that honors God. When we withhold the tithe, we are actually saying that we know better than God how we should spend our resources.

Read and reflect upon 1 Corinthians 9 consider the following:

- ☐ Do I regularly give my best offering to the church with a cheerful heart?  
If not, why not?
- ☐ How are your financial priorities affected when you view "giving" as an act of worship?