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<u>Discipleship Phrase</u>: Jesus comes to disrupt our perception of power, security and control.

<u>Big Idea for Series</u>: Our expectations are not always God's realization.

### **Abiding** (grow as a disciple yourself)

After Jesus was arrested and crucified, the disciples fled in fear and went into hiding. Did they not understand what Jesus was saying or were they afraid for their own lives and future? One thing is for certain, they were absolutely changed through the truth of the resurrection. Today you have the benefit of seeing the full picture of salvation through Jesus Christ and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. How often do you become overwhelmed with fear about the future or the difficulty you are facing? Does your daily worship prepare you to know and trust God through every obstacle or suffering you encounter? What steps do you need to live a balanced life of spiritual worship?

# **Leading** (facilitate your group effectively)

This is a pivotal message for all Christ followers. We are covering some heavy topics this week, so it will be important that you acknowledge it and ask your members to dig deep with you. When you think about worship, what images come to mind? Why do you think Jesus was worshiping as he was dying on the cross? In the midst of losing his son, David worshiped. How does it strike you to think about the truth of God being at rest as Jesus laid in the tomb? What has been your posture as you've experienced tragedy? Talk through what it looks like to harness the resurrection power that dwells within us not just in our moments of triumph and joy, but also through tragedy and trial.

## **Shepherding** (know, feed, lead, and protect the sheep)

Are smiles common amongst your group? Is laughter a regular occurrence? Would you say that those in your group are joyful? While keeping in mind that spiritual growth is always the goal of Life Group, it is important to remember to have some fun along the way as well and to enjoy the journey. Think outside the box of some ways to incorporate some lighthearted opportunities to smile a bit. One suggestion this week is to ask your group to post an Easter picture of themselves as a child into your group chat/text. Or just ask them to bring the pics to group next week, lay them on the table and guess who's in each picture!

## **Church Announcements** (be in the know & share with your group)

Connections Class! April 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 PM. Click here to register!

REMEMBER: "Every group deserves a great leader."



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**Welcome/Introductions** (creating a relational environment starts here; be friendly & acknowledge everyone)

**Open in Prayer** (kickoff every group gathering with honoring the Lord)

**Ice Breaker, God Moments, or Highs & Lows** (choose one that is best for your group this week)

**Weekly Vision Checklist** (See Flipbook re: announcements, the "why", goal, outreach, guidelines, & branching)

**Ask a Hook Question** (a thought-provoking question to get the group heading in the right direction) What's your fondest memory of Easter?

**Recap the Message** (ask a **couple** people to share what stood out to them in this week's message)

Scriptures References (Read scriptures directly from the Bible—it carries its own authority)

Matthew 27:46-47 (ESV), Mark 15:34 (ESV), Psalm 22:1 (ESV), Matthew 27:41-44 (ESV), Luke 23:34 (ESV), Psalm 22:7-8 (ESV), Luke 23:40-43 (ESV), Luke 23:46 (ESV), Psalm 22:25-26 (ESV), John 19:26-27 (ESV), Psalm 22:9-10 (ESV), John 19:28 (ESV), Psalm 69:21 (ESV), Psalm 22:14-15 (ESV), John 19:30 (ESV), Psalm 22:30-31 (ESV), Matthew 27:39-43 (ESV), Psalm 22:7-8 (ESV)

#### **Implications** (takeaways from the message)

- 1. During his deepest moment of need, Jesus worshiped.
- 2. When we truly trust that God is who he says he is, we live from a place of peace.
- 3. Resurrection means we have the power to face our worst fears with joy.
- 4. Resurrection means we can conquer anything through Christ.

#### **Discussion Questions** (going beyond the surface)

- 1. How might Jesus's words in Luke 23:46 be seen as an act of worship?
- 2. In the worst moment of Jesus's earthly life, he chose to worship. What was/is your response as you experienced your worst moment?
- 3. Resurrection power is/was the only thing to get you through the things you just shared. How can you consistently choose to harness resurrection power daily and use it in your best moments not just your worst?

**Prayer Requests** (record, share, and follow up throughout the week. Use the LEAD App or CCB if possible.)

Closing Prayer (ask openly for a volunteer, encourage your people to step outside of their comfort zone regularly)