



Community Groups are used extensively as the primary vehicle for discipleship at The Gathering and run on a quarter system. There is one in the fall, one in the winter and one in the spring. During the summer weeks we don't meet in Community Groups but we still offer the Growth Guides as a tool to help you grow personally. The Growth Guides are designed to help you dig deeper into the weekly sermon on your own or with your family and are available each week along with the note sheets at church as well as online.

USE THIS GUIDE TO PREPARE FOR THE DISCUSSIONS IN COMMUNITY GROUP.

Consider...

Use the summary and discussion below to review and apply this week's message:

The Big Idea

The greatest moment in history was seen by no one, and yet it has had an effect on everyone.

Message Summary

This year, as we all celebrate the resurrection in our own houses and church buildings sit empty, we all need to thank the Father for reminding us what that very first resurrection day was like. The disciples were also in a house. They were also unsure of what was going to happen next and when whatever would happen would actually happen. And if that wasn't enough, the very fact that they were hiding revealed that they hadn't really understood what Jesus meant would happen on the third day. If they had, they would have been gathered at the tomb. As it turned out, no one saw the greatest moment in history, and God was okay with that. He knew He was getting ready to drop a big stone into the waters of time. Years later, we're still feeling the ripples of the Resurrection.

Discuss

Use the following questions to review and apply the points learned in the message.

- Have there been life-defining moments in your own life that are still having an effect on you today? Share about it with the group.
- Read 1 Cor. 15:12-19 as a group, then discuss what Paul says would be true if the resurrection hadn't happened.
- Read Psalm 46:10. How has the stay at home order helped you find space to celebrate the resurrection? If it has made life even busier, how can you make time this week to remember the God of life?
- Have you ever doubted God's word in a situation and He still came through? How does the fact that the disciples weren't at the tomb give you hope for the times that you doubt?
- Has Easter been more meaningful or more of a struggle this year? Discuss your answers with one another.
- How would your life be different without the hope of the resurrection?
- Paul talked during the message about how we're all living in the wake of the resurrection. In other words, we're still feeling the ripple effects of that first Easter morning! What are some of the ways you experience "the Resurrection ripple" and what are some ways that you can keep the ripple growing?
- Read Romans 8:11. What are some areas of your life that need to feel the powerful ripple of the resurrection? What hope does this verse offer?