

## Community Group Guide: The Resurrection and the Hope of Glory

Opening Question: We often focus on the Friday (the sacrifice) and the Sunday (the victory). How do you personally handle the 'Saturday'—those seasons of life where God feels silent and you're waiting for a breakthrough?

**Read: John 20:1-18, 1 Corinthians 15:3-8**

### 1. The "Red Thread" of History

The message traced a line from the Fall in Eden all the way to the empty tomb. Looking back at figures like Noah, Abraham, and David, **which of these "previews" of Jesus stood out to you most today, and why?**

### 2. The Pattern of Promise

God made specific promises to David (an eternal kingdom) and through Isaiah (a suffering servant). **How does seeing God keep his promises over thousands of years change the way you trust Him with the "unanswered" prayers in your life right now?**

### 3. The Necessity of the Cross

We moved quickly from the Birth of Jesus to his Death and Resurrection. Why was it important for the message to start at the Fall (Genesis 3) rather than just starting with the Christmas story? **How does the "bad news" of the beginning make the "Good News" of Easter feel more significant to you?**

### 4. Living the "Eighth Day"

The Resurrection is often called the start of a "new creation." Since we know how the story ends—with Jesus victorious over death—**what is one area of your life (a relationship, a habit, or a fear) where you need to start living like the Resurrection is actually true?**

#### **Application:**

In your current season of life, where do you feel the biggest gap between God's promises (like peace, hope, or victory over sin) and your daily reality? Based on the victory of the Resurrection, what is one practical step you can take this week to 're-align' your trust with the story God is writing?