

Mark 15:46-47; Mark 16:1-8

1. Miracle

The temporary stone had to be removed so that the Cornerstone could be revealed.

Mark 16:6-7

2. Message

Your greatest regret is not beyond God's reach.

1 Peter 1:3-4; Mark 16:9-14

3. Mission

Jesus didn't just save us from something, he saved us for something.

Mark 16:15-16

Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

Celebrate and Care:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

Review:

The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus show that God's miracle, message, and mission were already in motion.

Open Up:

If there were a spoiler alert for this season we are all in, what would it be? (What is the good that is going to come out of this all?)

Discuss:

Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.

- ▶ What kinds of thought might Jesus' followers have had before they found out he had risen? What were they hoping for in following him?
- ▶ Read Mark 16:1-8. Our questions are similar to the question, "Who will roll the stone away?" What are some things we can't do on our own in this season that we need God to step in for?
- ▶ Brainstorm some ways we can be a part of the mission of sharing the message in this season.
- ▶ Living hope means instead of living with anxiousness, we can live with anticipation. He can take our helplessness and give us hopefulness. Instead of living overwhelmed he helps us overcome. Which of these concepts is most needed in your circles?

Engage:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.

Pastor Matt said, "God already has the answer for what you're asking about." What is the one question you really want to ask him?

Who could you encourage this week?

Pray:

Pray together for the miracle, the message and the mission of the kingdom to be revealed and received in ways it never has before in this season.