

HUMBLE & HUNGRY

WEEK 5 | LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

CONNECT

- How do you and your family typically celebrate Easter?
- Have each member of your group write (on a post it note) a phony explanation of how the Easter Bunny was established in our culture. Read each phony explanation along with the actual explanation. Have the group vote on the most believable one!

CONSIDER

- What encouraged or challenged you from the sermon and/or daily devotions this week?

CHRIST

- Read Luke 24:1-12 as a group.
- Notice the word “remember” that is found in verse 6 and verse 8. It seems that the women needed to “remember” what Jesus had already said and done (rather than learn something new). **How much of your faith journey is about remembering what has already been revealed to you?**
- **“Remember” is also a major theme of communion.** Read Luke 22:19 and 1 Cor. 11:23-26 to see this theme of “remembrance” developed more thoroughly. **Is it possible that we need reminders of this world-altering event? Why?**
- In Luke 24:5, the two men (angels) ask, **“Why do you seek the living among the dead?”** This is a fair question for us in 2021 as well. Many of us seek “life” from “dead things”. We look to substance abuse, materialism, and escapism to find meaning and freedom only found in Christ. **What other “dead things” have you relied upon, only to find yourself unfulfilled?**

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- In his book *The Jesus I Never Knew*, Philip Yancey notes, “The Resurrection is the epicenter of belief. It is, says C.H. Dodd, “not a belief that grew up within the church; it is the belief around which the church itself grew up, and the ‘given’ upon which faith was based.” **As you consider the resurrection story from Luke 24:1-12, how many witnesses almost missed it? How? What about you? How much evidence was needed before you responded to the Risen Savior?**
- **Look again at Luke 24:12. What happened to the spices that the women prepared?** It appears they were coming to cover up something (body of Jesus) that had begun to decay. Instead, they became evangelists for resurrection power and new life. Do you know anyone who settles for covering up the stink rather than exchanging death for new life? **What methods do we use to mask the smell, even after trusting Jesus?**
- **Read Luke 24:13-43. Do you see the themes repeating here?** “Remember”, more evidence for the resurrection, dealing with the stink of death vs. new life.
- A wise man once noted that some people come to saving faith in Christ like an avalanche (overwhelmingly fast and unexpected), while others come to faith like a glacier (slow and steady). **How about you? How have you responded to the resurrection of Jesus?**

CALLING

- Do you treat the resurrection story more like that of the Easter Bunny, like a historical event, or like a personal rescue? Reflect on this and share your observations with a friend.
- **Daily Devotions:** Spend 15 minutes each day with Northside devotions. Text JOINGOD to 81411 or use the Study tab in Northside’s App for Daily Devotions.
- **Memorize:** “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.” (Luke 24:5b-6a, ESV)
- **Further Study:** Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-58 in light of Easter. What is of “first importance”? How much of this story had Paul internalized? How about you?