

# EASTER

## AT CHRIST CHURCH

### WORSHIP

Begin by reading Psalm 118, a prayer of victory. Jesus applies verses 22-24 to Himself in Mk. 12:10-11 revealing to us that the He, the rejected stone, is the victorious cornerstone of our salvation. Rest in that.

### FELLOWSHIP

Feel free to share about what each person did for Easter. As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

### DISCUSSION

1. What stuck out to you on Sunday from Mike's sermon?

2. Read John 20:1-10

*a. If you were a disciple running with them and seeing the empty tomb, what would be your first instinct as to what happened? (Would you believe that His body was stolen, would you believe that He resurrected etc.?)*

*b. Let's say the story ended here, and Jesus never rose again. How would you live differently? Recall how Mike said that Jesus' resurrection shapes our values.*

3. Read John 20:11-18

*a. What stands out upon first reading this passage? All observations are welcome.*

*b. During this time, a woman's testimony was not viable in a court of law so Jesus approaching a women as the resurrection's first witness is one of the best evidences we have for the historicity of the resurrection. If a first-century person was making this up, the first witness would be a man. What other aspects of Jesus' and Mary's interaction are notable to you?*

*c. How does Jesus' resurrection transform the sorrows we experience on earth?*

*d. Where have you "seen the Lord" recently in your life? Share amongst yourselves as Mary shared with the disciples.*

### PRAYER

Feel free to go around as a group and share prayer requests. If you feel led, you may read this prayer from The Valley of Vision:

*"Give me assurance that in Christ I died, in him I rose, in his life I live, in his victory I triumph, in his ascension, I shall be glorified What more could be done than thou hast done! Thy death is my life  
Thy resurrection my peace, Thy ascension my hope, Thy prayers my comfort."*

