

FBC Groups Ministry Discussion Guide

Closer to the Cross:

A Journey from Death to Life

Part Five: With Jesus Living Beyond the Grave, Matthew 28:1-10

Who do you say that Jesus is? Jesus first asked the question in Matthew 16:15, and it has been the most life-changing question ever since. Consider your answer based on these challenges: (1) the tendency to answer based on personal expectations and conveniences about Jesus; and (2) the reality that any answer will require a step of faith. Jesus helps us get to the heart of the question with His three death predictions and His journey to the cross. We continue with the Easter Sunday edition and the experience of the empty tomb. Read Matthew 28:1–10.

How you think about the empty tomb will have the greatest impact on how you answer the question... Who do you say Jesus is? There at the empty tomb, Jesus helped His first followers obtain greater understanding. Let's revisit that moment.

Greater Understanding Happens When You Seek Jesus

Greater Understanding Happens When You Trust Jesus

Greater Understanding Happens When You Follow Jesus

Questions for Group Discussion:

1. What are the different theories or opinions related to the empty tomb?
2. Why is the empty tomb so important when it comes to understanding Jesus?
3. Describe a time when your relationship with Jesus was limited by circumstances.
4. In seeking Jesus, what expectations might we put on Him?
5. As we trust Jesus, what expectations does He require of us?
6. Why would Jesus entrust unlikely messengers to tell His resurrection message?
7. This Easter, I will never be the same because _____.

Final Thoughts and Closing Prayer:

What will I do this week to seek more of and walk more closely with Jesus?

How will I live better and help others do the same because of this study?

Notes & Reflections: