



**WHY DOES IT MATTER?**

**Luke 24:1-12**

**Getting Started**

1. Describe a time when you told a true story that was hard for others to believe.

2. Read Luke 24:1-12 as a group. If you were one of the women who found the empty tomb, or one of the disciples who they told, how do you think you would have reacted to the news that the tomb was empty?

## Digging Deeper

1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our faith. Why do you think the resurrection is so important to our faith? What would be different if Jesus had not risen from the dead?

2. Pastor Jeremiah gave us multiple examples of criticisms and arguments against the resurrection.

- The Wrong Tomb Theory
- The Swoon Theory
- The Stolen Body Theory

Why do you think critics place so much significance on disputing the resurrection? How does this help validate the fact that it actually happened?

### 3. How does the Resurrection...

... Vindicate Christ's Word? (Matthew 20:18-19)

... Validate Christ's Work? (Romans 8:34)

... Verify Christ's Worth? (Romans 1:3-4)

4. Read 1 Corinthians 15:17-19. What point do you think Paul is trying to convey regarding the importance of the resurrection to the Christian Faith? If you are low on hope right now, how does the truth of the resurrection encourage you? What are some ways you can turn your low-hope thoughts and feelings and refocus them on this truth?

5. Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-56. This is the ultimate result of the empty tomb. Write a list of some of the things this truth gives you. Now, list some of the things it has set you free from.

### Applying the Message

1. How does the resurrection impact your daily walk with the Lord? How does it impact how you interact with the world?

2. Think about one of our greatest hope-filled truths: *the tomb was empty*. How can you let that really motivate you to tell others about God's love for them? Who in your life needs to hear the hope-filled truth of the empty tomb?