

## 4-9-23 Facilitator – Jesus’ Resurrection Mark 15:40 – 16:8, Tim Rice

### 1. **Launchers: What do you believe about the possibility of real change?**

### 2. **Worship God Together after reading Ephesians 1:3-14.**

### 3. **Sermon Reflection: Jesus’ Resurrection Mark 15:40-16:8, Tim Rice**

#### **WHAT IS REALLY POSSIBLE FOR GOD?**

- What is a constant biblical assumption? – Nothing is impossible for God.
- What has been your prevailing thought in terms of what’s possible?
- Where have you enjoyed – ME = Nothing as a perfect pairing to God = EVERYTHING?

#### **DEATH AND DESPAIR**

- Why are the witnesses in this story credible, and what did they expect?
- How have you been broken and then cast to the side?
- How are you living in denial and have become hopeless as if sin and death are winning, even victorious?

#### **RESURRECTION POWER**

- What do we learn from the empty tomb and the angel’s words?
- God’s power in weakness. Have you seen and heard the resurrection power of Holy Spirit at work in you, in your neighbor?
- What more do you need to “see” to live bold in Jesus?
- How ready are you to “go tell” what you have seen and heard? Who would benefit from your story?

### 4. **Kingdom Centered Prayer:**

1. Praise the LORD that He has the very power of being in His control. Worship Him, God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that as the Author of Life for His power even over death.

2. How have you lived crushed by the status quo, *by the way things just are*, as if the brokenness of this world will never really change? Confess your unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and give you hope.

3. Give thanks to Jesus, the resurrected Savior, that He offers His very life *to us*. Thank Him for how His resurrection changes despair into hope, fear becomes triumph, and that what sin undermined, Jesus now secures.

4. Who do you know that is cynical, living as if nothing broken ever really changes or gets better? Pray for them, asking the Lord to make known to them His love and resurrection power.

5. Ask the Holy Spirit to work His fruit of love, joy and hope more and more into your heart. Read Ephesians 1:17-21 and pray for His power to work cynicism out of you and joy into how you think and live.

### 5. **Mission: Christians think and live joy. Read Ephesians 1:17-21**

- Where and with whom are you joyless?
- Where in and with whom are you thoughtless?
- Pray for these blessed “Jesus Circumstances”, ask God for help and grace.
- Dream into the wonder of God’s goodness to you and give it to others, all the time and everywhere this week.