



WEST HIGHLAND
BAPTIST CHURCH

Facilitators' Guide for Community Groups

April 20, 2025

The Resurrection Changes Everything!

Matthew 28:1-10

1. Welcome (an ice-breaker discussion to get everyone comfortable with sharing):

We witnessed 17 baptisms at West Highland Easter services! Were there testimonies that resonated with your own story of faith? If you have been baptized, share something of when that was and what it meant as a part of your spiritual journey. What does hearing the testimonies and witnessing the baptisms of others do for your own faith?

2. Worship (to draw our hearts to the Lord and invite Him into our discussion):

"If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed, sing the song forever to the Lamb!" Sing "Holy Forever" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IkHgxCemCRk>

Dozens of other worship songs are also available at www.westhighland.org/smallgroupsongs.

3. Word (to consider how the sermon applies to our lives, and to live out the "one anothers"):

Read together: Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon Summary

The resurrection of Jesus turned the sorrow of the two Marys into a mix of fear and great joy as they encountered an angel and the risen Christ. Their experience reminds us that even in our moments of loss or fear, the resurrection brings unshakable hope and lasting joy. Just like them, we're invited not only to believe the good news but to share it with others.

Sermon Questions

1. From Good Friday: What stood out to you most from the Good Friday message from Pastor Dwayne?
2. What do you think the two Marys were feeling as they went to the tomb? If you have lost a loved one, how do you remember feeling in those first days after their passing?
3. The women left the tomb with both fear and great joy. What do you think it means to follow Jesus with both reverence and joy?
4. The Bible teaches that Jesus physically rose from the dead. Have you ever found that hard to believe? What helped you (or might help someone) work through that?
5. The angel told the women to "go and tell." How can we share the good news of Jesus' resurrection in everyday ways with people around us?

4. Witness (joining Jesus in his mission):

We will be hosting a 6-week Alpha course at West Highland beginning later this month (information and registration link below). Who have you and your Community Group been praying for (Who's Your One or other family, friend, neighbour, co-worker/student connections) that you could invite to participate in this opportunity to explore the Christian faith? Pastor Adam will be giving leadership and the food team and table leaders are lined up and ready to serve.

[The Alpha Course \(Spring 2025\) - West Highland Church](#)