



# GROWTH GROUP

## Easter Celebration

Week of 5/24/2020

Of all the days of the Church Year, Easter holds the place of prominence. On this glorious day, we celebrate the resurrection of Christ, our Savior from the dead. No longer are we dead in our transgressions and sins. Having been buried in Christ through baptism, we are now united with Christ in his resurrection. Today is a day to rejoice and sing! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

### Getting Started

When was the last time you had a good surprised? Or what has been your best surprise ever?

Answers will vary based on personal experience.

### Into the Word

Read **Colossians 3:1-4**.

What does Paul mean when he says, “You died”? And how is it that our life is now “hidden with Christ in God”?

We died when our sinful connection to this earth was put to death on the cross. Our life is now in Christ. That life is hidden to the world that doesn’t understand the power of the cross. We now live each day in eager anticipation of Christ’s return in glory.

Read **Matthew 28:1-10**.

Why did the angel roll back the stone from the tomb?

Certainly not to let Jesus out. It was to prove to the world that Christ had risen.

How might the angel’s words, “He is not here; he has risen, just as he said,” have made the women feel ashamed?

They should have known. Why were they bringing burial spices for their risen Savior? Hadn’t Jesus told them on several occasions that he would rise on the third day? It’s actually sad to note that crowds weren’t gathered there that morning to see the risen Savior.

Why were Jesus’ words “my brothers” so comforting to the disciples?

Even after they had denied Christ, living in doubt and fear, Jesus still looked to them as part of his “family.”

### Apply

Are you ever “afraid yet filled with joy”?

Answers will vary based on personal experience. Surprises have a tendency to leave us with mixed feelings of fear and joy. Times when we can find ourselves feeling afraid yet filled with joy might be at times of loss, times of uncertainty, times of death of a loved ones, times of illness, etc.

Are you happy because of Easter? What keeps you from or helps you to be so?

Answers will vary.

### Around the Room

Share your highs and lows for the week.

### Pray

