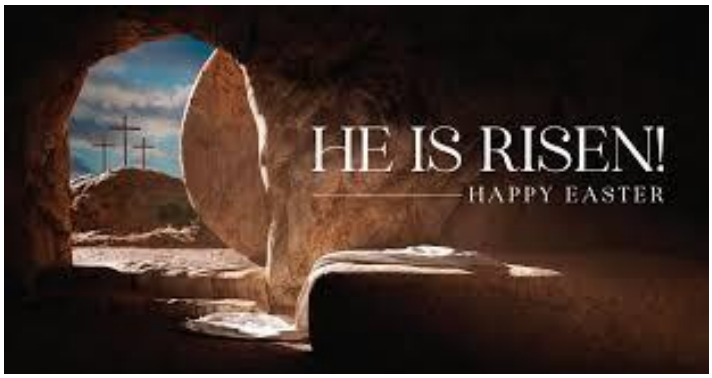
LifeGroup: Easter Day

Notes 20th April 2025

He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia!
All say: *He is risen indeed. Alleluia, Alleluia!*



Starter:
Give everyone a chance to say something around Easter:

- What do you find most special about Easter?
- What are some of your favourite memories of Easter Day?

N.T. Wright said, "Take Christmas away, and in biblical terms, you lose two chapters from the beginning of Matthew and two from the beginning of Luke—but nothing else. If you take Easter away, you don't have a New Testament. You don't have Christianity."

If Christmas is important, Easter is essential. The resurrection is the heartbeat of Christian faith—and it stands at the centre of every sermon in the book of Acts.

For example:

- Peter at Pentecost – *Read Acts 2:24*
- Peter at Solomon's Portico – *Read Acts 3:15*
- Peter before the Sanhedrin – *Read Acts 4:10*
- Peter at Cornelius' house – *Read Acts 10:40–43*
  (And many more…)

Read Luke 24:1–12
The word **"wonder"** appears twice in this passage—right at the heart of the resurrection story.

- First, the women arrive at the tomb and are left *wondering* at what they see—or more accurately, what they don't see.
- Then Peter hears their report, runs to the tomb, and after seeing it for himself, he too leaves *wondering* what had happened.

Discussion: Wonder at the Tomb

1. The Women at the Tomb

- What were the women expecting as they approached the tomb?
- How did their expectations contrast with what they actually encountered?

Comment: They came with spices—prepared for mourning, not for celebration. The first Easter began with faithful love in action, not full understanding.

Fabian described their experience as a place of *"sacred confusion."*

- Have you ever had a moment like that—a holy space of not understanding, yet sensing something significant was happening?

Comment: Wonder is often born not from clarity, but from mystery. Their confusion wasn't a failure of faith—it was fertile ground for revelation.

2. The Disciples' Response and Peter's Curiosity

- Why do you think the disciples dismissed the women's message as *nonsense*?
- What keeps us today from receiving good news—whether from God, or from others?

Peter, however, responds differently.
He *runs* to the tomb, sees the linen strips, and leaves *wondering to himself what had happened.*

- What's the difference between passive doubt and active wondering?
- Have you ever had a moment when doubt turned into curiosity—and curiosity into faith?

Comment: Peter didn't get all the answers—but he didn't stay seated either.
Sometimes, faith begins simply by running toward the unknown.

Final Reflections: Cultivating Wonder

- What helps you keep **wonder** alive in your walk with Jesus?
  Prayer, Scripture, nature, silence, conversations?
- What spiritual practices or experiences awaken **awe** in you?
- Is there a **risk to take**, a **truth to investigate**, or a **step of faith** that wonder is leading you toward?

Let this Easter season stir a deeper sense of holy curiosity.

Christ is Risen!
And we respond: *He is Risen Indeed!*