**EASTER**

Sermon Discussion Guide

**Let's Recap:**

This week we ask the question is Jesus king on both sides of the stone? He showed he was king during his ministry by many miracles, including raising Lazarus from the dead. However, when he took his last breath on the cross, those in proximity to him couldn’t help but wonder if he was king on this side of the stone. He had proven he could raise others from the dead, but could he raise himself from the dead? And is he powerful enough to raise anyone back from the dead?

**Tune In:**

To prepare for our discussion, please read John 11:17-27, 32-44; Revelation 3:20; John 2:19; Luke 23:55-56; Matthew 27:62-66; John 20:14-16; 1 Corinthians 15:14; John 10:17-18; Romans 10:9

Song referenced: “Surrounded (Fight my Battles)” by Michael W. Smith

**Go Deep:**

* When Jesus was about to raise Lazarus from the dead, he asked Martha if she believed (reference John 10:25). If Jesus were to ask you the same question today, do you believe in who he says he is, what would your answer be and why?
* Take a moment to remember who you were and where you were before Jesus. Please share with group how different your life is, now that Jesus brought you from death to life.
* Because of Jesus, we can walk with great confidence, assurance and boldness knowing who we are in Him! As a group, take some time to reference your bible and discuss who God says we are.
* Who are the people in your life you are praying they open their hearts to Jesus and move from death to life? Pray together as a group for them by name.

**Live Out:**

Jesus is indeed King on both sides of the stone. The one who raised the dead from the grave, raised himself from the grave. Death could not hold him! Anyone can move from death to life because of what Jesus did on the cross! This is exciting news and as you grasp how powerful He is in you, you simply can’t keep it to yourself. Jesus said in Mark 16:15 “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.” As you live your life for God, live it out loud, taking all opportunities to speak life into others by sharing what God has done for you!