

WEEK 2 – GRIEVING FOR A SEASON

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

F O R E V E R

Easter is the day we celebrate Jesus rising from the dead, but let's be honest — that's not always easy to believe. How does someone just stop being dead? Are we sure it happened? What if it didn't? And if it did, so what? What does it have to do with our lives today? Well, it turns out we're not the only ones who've asked questions like this. When Jesus died, even His closest friends and followers had questions, fears, and doubts. In this 2-week series, we'll see how Jesus shared the good news with His friends that He really was alive, and that nothing (not even death) could separate them from God's love — not ever. The same is true for us today and forever. Because the love of Jesus **is bigger than our doubts** and **gives us hope**.

THIS WEEK

THE BIG IDEA

God's promises give us hope in our season of grieving.

THE BIBLE

John 20:11-16, Psalms 30:5, Psalms 34:18, Deuteronomy 31:8, Romans 8:39, Hebrews 13:8

- Why do you think it's difficult to believe God is with us?
- When Mary was grieving, how did Jesus respond to them?
- Have you ever struggled to believe Jesus was with you?
- If a friend was grieving, what would you say in order to give them hope?
- What are some ways God's promises can give us hope?