

## Why Easter matters.

Luke 24, John 20

## Why the empty tomb is a big deal.

Romans 8:28; Acts 12:1-16; Luke 17:5-6; Psalm 73; Mark 9:17-26; Jude 1:20-23

1. Nothing is too messed up for God.
2. God is at work long before we notice.
3. God shows up even when we doubt.

## How do we respond?

John 3:16-17

A fan is an enthusiastic admirer.

A follower moves and is changed.

## My intentional momentum:

In light of what Jesus has done. I will move my life forward by following Him. I may not know all what it means to follow Him but determine to remain open and teachable. I will take it one day at a time and I will not give up.

## NEXT STEPS

Use these questions to turn a message into a conversation.

What part of Amy's story impacted you the most?

- How do you see God Today?

## DIGGING DEEPER

Understanding who Jesus is and what He has done for us is the essential message of Easter. The following passages all contain statements that Jesus made about Himself. For each one, identify what He says about Himself and any ways you can think of for how His description of himself can have an impact on our lives as followers.

Matthew 11:29

John 6:35

John 8:12

John 10:7-10

John 10:14-15

John 11:25-26

John 14:6

Which of the descriptions Jesus uses for Himself is most encouraging to you?

When someone decides to live in light of the reality of the resurrection, there is a cost involved, because anything worth much usually costs much. How do Jesus' words about the cost of following Him in Luke 14:25-35 fit with your spiritual journey and/or experience in following Him?

Christ's resurrection is foundational to the Christian faith because it is the proof that Christ is who He claimed to be—the Messiah. But it also has other ramifications on our faith. What importance do the following passages place on Christ's death and resurrection for us in our faith walk?

1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Romans 5:6-8

Romans 6:5-7

What do you find most meaningful about what Christ did for us?

This Sunday we were encouraged to follow Jesus and not just be an admirer (fan). Can you think of any changes you need to make to live more like a follower?

## **TAKING IT HOME**

Grab a friend and join Real Life for the next 5 weeks in a new series called Pitfall. We all travel the same road of life. There is an enemy to our life that has set pitfalls in our way to trip us up.

Pitfalls like:

- Offense
- A Critical Spirit
- Isolation
- Self-Condernation
- Unforgiveness

The good news is God has a way for us to avoid these pitfalls when we follow Him. Let's join together—we all need a little direction in life.