



Week One

Opening Praying

God, thank you for the act of love you expressed through the cross. Help us to open ourselves up to what you have to offer us. Amen.

Talk It Over

This series is all about seismic events or events of enormous proportions with lasting impact. Seismic events can happen to us individually, as a family unit, as a community, as a nation, and as a world. Years after these events happen we often can still remember what we were doing when the event happened.

When these events happen we each react in our own unique ways; by sheer definition, it's hard to not have some sort of reaction.

- Share about a significant seismic event you've experienced as an individual or with your family.
- Share about a significant seismic event you've experienced with your larger community, with the nation, or with the world.

Read Revelation 1:17-18 (Good Word)

Regardless of our beliefs, like other seismic events, we likely have some notable reaction to the story of Jesus being resurrected after he died on the cross. Some of the examples we looked at this week include:

The Roman soldiers were scared, Thomas was skeptical and wanted to see Jesus for himself, two men from Emmaus were confused, Peter and John were excited, and Mary Magdalene was grateful.

- Looking at the list above, what word or words most resonate with where you are right now on your faith journey? Explain your answer.
- Have you ever been impacted — in a good way or a bad way — by someone else's reaction to the resurrection?

Read John 11:25 (Voice)

The seismic event of Easter is that Jesus defeated death; the seismic message of Easter is that God invites each of us to move from death to life. This invitation pertains to our eternal life and our current everyday life.

- How have you been impacted by the death of someone you love?
- What are your personal feelings towards the idea that you will die?
- In what ways have you seen God bring you new life?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

The Jesus story invites us to remember we are spiritual beings, created by God, and made to live with God forever. Jesus invites each and every one of us to remain deeply connected to him throughout our entire life.

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- This season of life how are you doing at remaining connected to God? As it pertains to your connection with Jesus, tell us what is working for you right now and what your looking to grow in?
- Where do you need some hope and new life today?

Closing Prayer

God, you know our hearts, your know our story, and you know our struggles. Help us to experience a life-giving connection with you. We want your hope and the new life you offer.