



## Home Group Discussion Questions

### Raised to Newness

### Matthew 27:62-28:7

#### I. Getting Started

How have you grown in your understanding and appreciation of both the crucifixion and resurrection during the time you have followed Jesus?

#### II. Discussion Questions: Read Matthew 27:62-28:7

- a. Consider the words the angel spoke to the women at the tomb (vv. 5-7). How do you think you might have responded if you had been there at that time, hearing those words?
  
- b. If someone was to ask you why the resurrection of Jesus is so significant to us now, what would you say?
  
- c. **Rom. 6:4-6** speaks of those united with Christ as “walk[ing] in newness of life.” **2 Cor. 5:17** speaks of those in Christ being a “new creature.” How do you understand that sense of newness? What’s been your experience with that “newness of life”?
  
- d. **Read Galatians 5:1.** How does our culture largely understand the idea of freedom? What is the difference between that and the freedom that is found in Jesus?
  
- e. **Read John 10:10.** How might you explain the abundant life Jesus offers to someone?
  
- f. Given the compelling account of Jesus crucified and resurrected, and the amazing life that He offers to humanity, why do you think that there is such resistance to this good news? How can we better help people understand the significance of Jesus and His invitation to life?

#### III. Prayer and reflection: In addition to praying for specific needs of the group, spend some time thanking Jesus for the life He makes available to us.

