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Resurrection week...

Why do you think Jesus rose from the dead?

Joseph of aramathia buried body...discovery of empty tomb by women...sightings by numerous people and groups...immediate radical departure in beliefs about messiah and resurrection

Best Historical explanation is Jesus rose from the dead

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Death and all His friends

Go through worksheet in small groups addressing what we should feel, say and do as well as what scripture speaks to the situations.

How do we minister to people experiencing death?

We will all face it, others will face it...how do we love others

We want to be prepared to lead, minister and love with the hope of Jesus.

Share together as a group through the sections

- **Bless** with our presence
- **Serve** their needs
- **Pray** for comfort
- **Affirm** right decisions

Pray to be prepared people

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