

A graphic with the word "EASTER" in large, white, serif capital letters, centered within a white rectangular border. Below it, the phrase "A New Day" is written in a white, cursive script. The background is a soft-focus image of a grassy field with a bright sun or light source in the upper center, creating a warm, golden glow.

# EASTER

*A New Day*

We had a great Easter this past Sunday, which included an amazing Easter egg hunt, a powerful worship service, and a fun food truck picnic. We even got to see a couple people accept Christ! Thanks to all of you who attended and volunteered to make this a great Easter! In this week's lesson we'll be continuing to reflect on the message behind Easter as well as to pray for all our visitors.

## FAMILY TIME

Take some time to share prayer requests and praise reports with each other and encourage folks to keep praying for each other's prayer requests throughout the week and to believe that these will become future praise reports.

## EASTER REFLECTION

Have someone read Matthew 28:1-10 and then lead the group through the following reflections:

*<sup>1</sup>After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. <sup>2</sup>There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. <sup>4</sup>The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." <sup>8</sup>So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." (Matthew 28:1-10)*

What does it mean to you that Jesus rose from the dead and is now with you wherever you go?

Are there some places in your life that you find it hard to believe Jesus is present in? Would you like to invite him into those places?

Are there people in your life who are going through difficult issues and need to experience Jesus' presence?

## SMALL GROUP

Break up into groups of 3-4 to share on these reflection questions. Then take time to pray for each other. Also take time to pray together for those people in our lives who need to experience Jesus' presence and for how we might be able to be a part of that.

## **PRAYING FOR EASTER NEWCOMERS**

Let's pray for those who visited Epicentre on Easter, especially for the ones who accepted Christ! Here are some prayer points:

- that the seed that was planted on Sunday would continue to grow,
- that their hunger for Jesus would grow and not fade,
- that they would keep coming back to church and get connected with a lifegroup.

## **SMILE SERMON SERIES**

Please inform your lifegroup members about our next sermon series, which is titled "Smile." In this series we'll be looking at how to live our lives with joy right in the middle of the world we live in. This would be a great series to invite our unchurched friends to. You could encourage your members to invite the people they prayed for earlier to church for this series.