

GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

Life application materials for use in Life Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.

1. What is your favorite Easter hymn or Scripture reading?

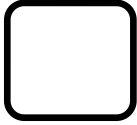
2. Pastor Pete challenged us to “Interview the Women.” Compare the lessons below. What is similar? What is different? Are there apparent contradictions that make you wonder, “How are both of these events true?” What are some possible solutions?
 - a. Matthew 28:1-10
 - b. Mark 16:1-8
 - c. Luke 24:1-12
 - d. John 20:1-18

3. Read Mark 16:9-20. What do you recall from the sermon about the NIV comment, “The earliest manuscripts and some other ancient witnesses do not have verses 9–20.” What questions would you like Pastor Pete to answer about this? Assign someone in the group the task of emailing him (ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org) with your question(s).

4. Mark records at least five times when Jesus told his disciples he would rise:
 - a. Mark 8:31
 - b. Mark 9:9
 - c. Mark 9:30-31
 - d. Mark 10:33-34
 - e. Mark 14:28

With all these prophecies that Jesus made, why do you think the disciples still didn't believe that Jesus rose when the women and the two men of Emmaus told them they had seen Jesus?

5. How might you use the unbelief of the disciples to encourage a skeptic today to read the Bible?



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points.

Find Hope at the Empty Tomb Mark 16 and I Peter 1:3-9

*“He has given us new birth into a living hope
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”*

1. Interview the Women (Mark 16:1-8)

- a. Different d _____ = 4 unique witnesses
- b. Agreement: The appearance of a _____ and appearance of J _____ to Mary Magdalene

2. Interview the Writer (Mark 16:9-20)

- a. The “line” dilemma
 - i. Witnesses against Mark: Vaticanus and Sinaiticus (350 AD)
 - ii. The witnesses for Mark: Irenaeus (130-202), Justin Martyr (100-165), Tatian (120-180)
+ 5,800 Greek manuscripts and 19,000 manuscripts in other languages
- b. The “style” dilemma: In Mark’s Gospel Peter admits his defeats and minimizes his victories.
 - i. The disciples did not b _____ Mary.
 - ii. The disciples did not b _____ the two men from the country.
 - iii. Jesus rebuked the disciples because they did not b _____.
 - iv. Whoever b _____ and is baptized will be saved.
 - v. “Repent and b _____ the good news” (Mark 1:15).

3. Interview the Unbeliever (I Peter 1:3-9)

- a. Looking forward to an i _____ kept in heaven
- b. Trusting God’s p _____ to shield him
- c. Filled with an inexpressible j _____ even in suffering

My Next Steps

- **Interview the Women:** Compare Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-18. What did they all see? What did they all hear?
- **Interview the Writer:** Read Mark’s Gospel (just 28 pages). Notice how the book starts with events of which Peter, a disciple of John, was an eyewitness. Imagine Peter telling Mark these accounts. What evidence do you see that Peter was an eyewitness to these events?
- **Interview the Unbeliever:** Read I Peter, just five chapters, and see how Jesus’ resurrection changed Peter’s view on life—his hope, his joy in suffering, his humble submission to others, his willingness to serve.