



### **Message Study Guide**

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on [thorncreek.church/live](http://thorncreek.church/live))

#### **Warming up**

1. Did your family celebrate Easter when you were a child?

#### **Digging Deeper & Application**

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. What's your favorite memory of Easter?
  
3. Read Mark 16:1-8. What most sticks out to you from this account of the resurrection?
  
4. Read John 20:1-10. What do you think would have been your initial reaction to seeing the empty tomb?
  - a. Why do you think Peter entered the tomb first?
  - b. Have you ever been desperate for God? Share with your group what that is like.
  
5. Read Mark 14:27-31 and 14:66-72.
  - a. How did Peter see himself when Jesus told him that he'd deny Jesus?
  - b. How did Peter see himself at the end of Mark 14?
  - c. Have you ever been at a place where you realized you're not the person you thought you were? Share about that experience.



6. Read Ezekiel 37:1-6. How does God resurrect us?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Read John 21:15-17.
  - a. How does Jesus restore Peter?
  - b. Can Jesus do that in your life?
  - c. Is there anything that can separate you from the love of God through Jesus Christ?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Read 1 Peter 1:3-7. How is Peter different from the Peter we see in Mark 14:72?
  - a. What's different?
  - b. Will you allow God to resurrect your hope and faith?

### **Application**

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.  
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- He is Risen!
- He is Risen indeed!
- The devil wants to remind you of your past, but God wants to show you a new future.
- Do you really believe God can change your life? Really?
- It's not enough to just hear God's word, you have to receive it.
- You don't have the power to genuinely change yourself.
- True healing is when you surrender to God's work.
- Jesus has the ability to heal your wounds, take away your pain, and give you a new grace-filled memory. Your worst memory can become part of your redemptive story.