**Conversation Starters:**

* How was your Easter weekend? What was the best part? What was the worst?
* Are marshmallow peeps the best sweet in the world or completely disgusting? Make your case.

**Worship Together** - Spend a few moments together in worship. Sing together, read a Psalm, etc. Recommended song: “O Praise the Name (Anastasis)” by Hillsong Worship. YouTube link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqBpifDpNKc

**Checking In**

* Last week we talked about sin in our lives and how we need to confess and repent. How did you handle yourself when you sinned or messed up?
* How did your faith change over the “Hear It, See It, Risk It” faith series?

**Start with Scripture -** Read Matthew 28:1-7. Try to imagine that you’ve never heard this story before. Pray together and invite the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion. Then break into groups of 3 to discuss the following questions:

**Study Questions**

* What stands out to you the most about how Matthew’s account of the Easter story? What images or phrases seem the most powerful? Strange? Why?
* If Jesus was able to walk through walls and appear wherever he wanted to after his resurrection, why was the stone rolled away?
* What does this tell you personally about God?
* Talk about what the women at the tomb must have been thinking through all of this. How would you have reacted if you were with them?

**Make it Personal**

* Read Ephesians 1:18-20. How have you seen God’s resurrection power at work in your life?
* If this power and freedom is meant to be for all of us, why do you think we sometimes struggle to embrace it?
* What is a “stone” (hurt, habit, hang up etc) that you need God to roll away right now? How has this stone effected your life? How would things be different if God set you free in that area?

**Act On It**

* What are you going to do this week to receive and live in the freedom and power that God offers to us through the resurrection?

**Pray for the Open Chair**: Close by taking an open chair, placing it in the center of the group, and praying that God would fill it with someone who needs to experience his love and power through the group next week.