

"Jesus Exceeds Our Expectations" Small Group Questions Week of April 9, 2023

Icebreaker:

Do you love packing and getting ready for a trip? If so, what are your habits and routines? Are you a thoughtful and strategic packer or is it a free-for-all?

Have you ever forgotten something critical on a trip? If so, what was it? How did it impact your trip?

Discussion Questions:

1. Did you attend any worship services this past Holy Week? If so, where did you most powerfully meet Jesus?

How did the Lord use worship to meet with you?

- 2. Read Matthew 28:1-10 together.
- 3. One observation from the sermon was that Matthew uses earthquakes to note world-changing events. Take time to read the references (Matthew 8:24, 27:51, 28:2). What world-changing power does God demonstrate in these instances?

What does it teach us about Jesus?

4. What false beliefs do you sometimes hold about God?

How can your small group help you to overcome these wrong beliefs?

5. What wrong expectations do you sometimes bring to the throne of God?

How can your small group help you to correct these?

6. Jesus offers us freedom, transformation, and resurrection power. Where do you need to experience this power in your own life?

How can your small group support you as you trust the Lord to provide in this way?

7. Matthew invites us into the story of Jesus' resurrection by keeping the resurrection account short. In what new way is God inviting you into his story this week?