

## Easter

### Introduction

This past weekend was Easter weekend. Today, in group, we will discuss Jesus's command to not be afraid and what we can do when we are afraid.

### Conversation Starters (15 minutes)

What is the best idea you've had that didn't work out? (Or the worst idea you've had that did work out?)

When did you sense God speaking to you this past week?

### Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you from this weekend's teaching?

### [Watch the Video](#) (5 minutes)

### Group Discussion (45 minutes)

1. What would you do for God if you knew it was impossible for you to fail?
2. Share a time when you knew God was asking you to do (or not do) something. Did you do what He asked? What was the result?
3. Read [John 20:19-20](#).
  - Why are the disciples afraid?
  - What is Jesus's response?
  - How did Jesus's presence change the mood of the room?
4. This weekend, Chad shared three things to do when we are afraid: Reach out to friends. Reach out to God. Rely on the power and promises of Jesus.
  - What is a fear you have in your life right now?
  - Have different people in the group read aloud the following promises of Jesus: [Matthew 11:28-30](#); [John 14:27](#); [Matthew 28:20](#); [John 16:33](#); [Matthew 5:3-12](#)
  - Which one do you need to commit to memory this week?
  - How are you doing with reaching out to your friends in this group when you are afraid? What is working? Is there anything you would like to start doing?

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## Prayer (10 minutes)

Close your group time by reaching out to God with the fears that were shared in group today. You could pray as a whole group, in partners, or take turns praying aloud. You can use your own words or the following:

*God, Thank you that you love us. Thank you that we can trust you. Thank you, Holy Spirit, that you are with us. Give us your peace. We surrender our fears of \_\_\_\_\_ to you. Guide us and give us wisdom, Holy Spirit. Fill us with your presence and help us to trust you. Help us to remember to reach out to you and reach out to our friends when we are afraid. Help us remember your promises. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

## Announcements (5 minutes)

Our monthly We Care food donation drive is coming up the weekend of April 13/14. We encourage your whole group to get involved in supporting the needs of our community by bringing needed items with you to church on April 13/14.

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