

# March 31 – April 6

Easter | And Peter

**Icebreaker:** Have you ever been disqualified from an event or chose to leave an event because you felt unqualified? (For example, a Sporting event, raffle, grades, etc.) Share about that time.

## Read Mark 16:1-8

- What stands out to you in this account of the empty tomb? Who are the characters? What is surprising?
- Why would the angel focus on them telling Peter?
- Where did the disciples go after Jesus was taken in the garden?
  - What do we know about what they did between then and the resurrection?
  - What kinds of emotions would they have been feeling?
- Read Mark 14:66-72 to refresh your memory about Peter's denial.
  - What was Peter's state of mind after he denied Jesus? What would you be thinking and feeling?
  - Compare Peter's experience with Jesus' betrayal with the other disciples. What did each party see or experience? How might this have affected Peter's feelings of regret?
- When you are faced with your sin, shortcomings, or failures, do you disqualify yourself? Do you feel unlovable? Unusable?
  - Is your default belief that Jesus feels love toward you or disappointment?
- Read Romans 5:8 and 2 Corinthians 5:21.
  - How do these verses speak to Peter's situation?
  - How do they speak to us?
  - Why is the resurrection necessary for these verses to be true?
- Put yourself in Peter's shoes – What might the emotional impact of the resurrection have been?
  - Would that event have assuaged Peter's guilt or shame? Why or why not?
- How have you experienced restoration through your relationship with Jesus?
  - Are there any areas of your life where you need restoration now?

Jesus' death and resurrection cover your failures. He is faithful, even when we are not. What Jesus won through his death and resurrection was for all who would receive him ... AND Peter ...AND you!