

PREACHING CURRICULUM

A Gravesite You'll Enjoy Visiting

Matthew 28:5-6

'...Do Not Be Afraid...of hopelessness...He is Risen Indeed...'

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

How does the message of the angel replace fear with hope?

Why is it so important that Jesus is seen as exactly who He said He is, did exactly what He said He would do, and was exactly where He said He would be?

How is the resurrection victory?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

Have you put your trust in human relationships to fill a feeling of emptiness inside? Why will this never truly satisfy? Why will human relationships all ultimately disappoint?

How is your spirit affected when you realize that God knows you personally just as He knew Mary ("I know that YOU seek...")?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

Why does the empty tomb fill us with hope that everlasting life is real?

How does the realization of God's complete sovereignty along with His intimate relationship with His creatures bring Hope and fill the void in us that cannot be filled by any created thing?

What is the lesson for us right now as we share in His suffering in a world that is still broken?

What will you do for God's glory with the hope that has filled your heart?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

Every time you feel empty or discouraged go back and visit the empty tomb and be filled with hope.