

WEEK 4

SMALL GROUP GUIDE



If you've ever gone hiking before, especially in the winter, you know that "breaking trail" is something you do when you encounter deep snow that's tough to navigate. When that happens, one hiker usually goes ahead of their group and clears the way so others can follow behind more easily. A trail-breaker is someone who goes ahead, who makes a new way, and who invites others to follow along behind them. In so many ways, that's exactly what Jesus did for us. He broke a new trail just by existing, but he did so much more than that too. In this 6-week Easter series, we'll read the stories of Jesus breaking new trails as we discover that **Jesus never gives up on us, understands our pain, shows us love, is alive, can be trusted, and gives us a mission.**

THIS WEEK

THE BIG IDEA

Jesus is alive.

THE BIBLE

Luke 24:1-12; I Corinthians 15:21-26;
Romans 7:21-25

- **What's your favorite Easter memory or tradition?**
- **Today, Easter Sunday usually begins with a celebration, but how did the first Easter Sunday begin for Jesus' followers?**
- **Choose one person from the Easter story – one of Jesus friends, His mom, or maybe one of the soldiers who killed Him. What do you think they would have experienced the day Jesus rose from the dead?**
- **Why was Jesus' resurrection such good news for His followers? Why is it still good news for us today?**
- **Without Jesus' resurrection, how would the world be hopelessly broken?**
- **Without Jesus' resurrection, how would you and I be hopelessly broken?**
- **Read Romans 7:21-25. Have you ever wanted to do what was right, but couldn't do it? Why does Jesus' resurrection matter in those moments?**
- **What's something in your life, or in the world, you want to see Jesus resurrect?**
- **How many times do you think you've heard the Easter story? How do you think we can keep ourselves from getting bored by the story of Jesus' resurrection?**
- **If it's true Jesus is alive, what's one thing you can do this week to respond to that truth?**