Small Group Leaders' Guide | Sermon Questions, April 20, 2014 (Easter Sunday)

Easter Meditation (Matthew 28:1-10)

Please read Matthew 28:1-11

"Do not be afraid" is repeated in scripture. At what times is the command voiced? What does this command reveal about the character of God? Why do you think this command needs to be repeated and what does it say to you?

Share about a time when you "were afraid yet filled with joy", as in Matthew 28:8.

The Lord's power is shown in 28:4-5. How do we understand the gravity of what The Lord did in these two verses?

Or what does this show about Our Lord's omnipresence?

How did the angel know that they are looking for Jesus?

What type of fear do you think the women had in Matthew 28:8? Look up the definitions and context of the word fear in this verse.

Imagine the feelings of these women as they ran to the disciples.

Matthew 28:12-15

What does this show about the elders? Were they really concerned about truth? What can you interpret was most important to the elders?

Is the truth important to you? What is the evidence in your life that the truth is important to you?