

## Life Group Discussion Questions

**Sermon Series:** Jesus...

**Sermon Title:** ...The Risen Savior

**Sermon Date:** 4-4-21

**Gospel Gain:** It's time to rise and shine.

### Gathering Together (Icebreaker)

- What comes to your mind when you hear the phrase – Rise and Shine?
- What are potential barriers that prevent people from getting up and going in the morning?

### Growing Together (Truth/Equipping)

- In this is a series, we will spend a few weeks taking a look at the titles of Christ, specifically related to His death and resurrection. This week we are taking a look at the title – Jesus...The Risen Savior.

***Mark 16:1-8 - When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” <sup>4</sup> And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. <sup>5</sup> And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” <sup>8</sup> And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.***

- Read **Mark 16:1**.
- What were the intentions of the women as they were going to the tomb that morning?
- What emotions might they be processing at that time?
- What losses have you been grieving in this last year?

- Read **Mark 16:2**.
- This verse gives us the image of new beginnings. How does a new day provide new beginnings?
- What can stand in the way of embracing the new opportunities found in a new day?
  
- Read **Mark 16:3-5**.
- What expectations or concerns did the women have as they approached the tomb?
- How was what they found different from what they expected to find?
- What emotions might they have experienced with these new details?
  
- Read **Mark 16:6-8**.
- How did the news of a Risen Jesus become world-altering news?
- Why do you think the women were timid and fearful in their initial response?
- What new beginnings are possible because Jesus rose from the dead?
  
- In the sermon, people were invited to respond in one of these ways – **Begin, Engage** or **Shine**.  
Begin a relationship with Jesus. Engage or get active again in your relationship with Jesus. Shine the light of Jesus to a hurting world. Which of these best identifies where you are today and why?
- How can you as a group encourage each other in specific ways around these commitments?
- How can you as a group help each other “wake up” when getting stagnant in the faith or keep “shining the light” of Jesus on a regular basis?

### **Getting Real with One Another** (Accessibility)

- What about the Resurrection of Jesus is still very inspiring to you and your walk of faith?

### **Group Prayer Time** (Supplication)

- Share prayer requests with one another and take time to pray together.
- Pray that the people of Oakwood Church would continue to develop a passion for God and compassion for people.