



 **NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER**
April 4-5, 2026

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2. Jesus invites me to step into LIFE with Him.

And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you. Matthew 28:7 (NLT)

3. Say YES to the One who said YES to you!

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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CONNECT

Have you ever tried to finish something only to realize that it would be impossible to accomplish on your own? How did that feel? What did you do?

ENGAGE

What impacted you the most personally from the message?

GROW

1. Most of us carry a quiet verdict about ourselves. Something like “I’ve gone too far” or “I’m too broken.” What’s the quiet verdict you’ve been tempted to believe about yourself? How does the resurrection speak into that?
2. Paul went from hunting down Christians to writing half the New Testament. He called himself the “chief of sinners” and never got over the grace he received. Is there someone in your own story whose transformation has surprised you, or maybe it’s your own? What does that tell you about the reach of the resurrection?
3. After the resurrection, Jesus went ahead to Galilee...back to the ordinary, everyday world His disciples lived in. What would it practically mean for you to recognize Jesus present in the regular parts of your week: your commute, your work, your family, your routines?
4. Peter had publicly denied Jesus three times just days before the resurrection, and yet the angel said to tell the disciples (all of them, Peter included) to go meet Jesus. How does it land with you that the invitation to step back into life with Jesus included the person who had just failed Him most?

LEAD (YOURSELF):

Easter is ultimately an invitation that requires a response. Is there a “yes” you’ve been holding back from Jesus... maybe trust in a hard area, surrender of something you’ve been clinging to, or simply introducing yourself to Him for the first time? What would it look like to take that step before your group meets again? Who in this group can check in with you about it?