

w/b 5th April 2015 Easter Sunday

THEME: LIVING THE RESURRECTION LIFE (Dave Webb-Peploe) Study/Life application

PASSAGE: Matthew 28 vs 1-20

LAUNCH

Describe the last time you were genuinely excited by a particular event.
How did you show that excitement?

DISCOVERY

What were the key features about the angel's appearance? By describing it in the way that he does what is Matthew trying to communicate to us?

The women are sent to tell the disciples but meet Jesus along the way.
What words are used to describe their response to meeting him?

Verses 11-15 describe attempts by the Jewish leaders to cover up the resurrection.
What are some of the flaws in their plan?

UNDERSTANDING

Given the fact that 'awe and wonder' cannot be fabricated, what are some of the ways we should be introducing a greater sense of awe into our Christian lives?

Do you agree that there are aspects of the modern life that can rob us of our awe and wonder?

In your experience, what are the biggest thieves?

A lack of Sabbath rest can lead to lives of dull unimaginative monotony.

Do you agree with this?

How good are you at preserving times of Sabbath rest with God & with your loved ones?

Jesus spent a lot of time doing some very normal things after his resurrection.

These included preparing breakfast, eating and walking.

How could we look more towards our everyday activities being a means by which God advances his kingdom?

APPLICATION

What are the key features of the Great Commission?

In what ways are you pursuing these at a practical level either individually or as a group?

Pray for a greater sense of awe and wonder in all aspects of our Christian lives from our worship times to the everyday. Pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit in the next steps that we should take in pursuing the Great Commission.