



THRIVE CHURCH

GROWTH GROUP STUDY GUIDE | SERIES: SILVER LININGS

TITLE: EASTER

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 20.19-29

One Thing Follow-up:

Last Sunday we found Elijah hiding in a cave. There, God taught him and us a valuable lesson about listening for his voice. Often, it's in the silence, not in the great moments, that we find God.

Q. Did you hear God in the silence last week?

Opening

This Easter is different than any we have experienced in our lifetimes. It's different not being able to be together. The interesting thing is that the first Easter was eerily similar to this one.

Review the Message

The Apostle John offers an eye-witness account of the events that occurred on the first Easter.

Read John 10.19

Fear is a natural reaction to the unknown and we see it in the disciples in this first verse.

Q. Has fear every made you question the reality of God's love and care for you?

Jesus meets them where they are in the midst of their fear and appears in a locked room.

Q. Has God ever given you peace in the middle of a difficult situation? Can you share?

Q. We gain hope for the struggles we face by remembering the ways God has delivered us in the past. Do you take time to remember the times those times of peace, when things seems uncertain?

Read Luke's account of the same event in Luke 24.37-42.

Q. How difficult is it for you to find peace in Jesus?

Q. Jesus foretold of his arrest, execution, and resurrection. What are the implications of this in your life?

Read John 20.21-22

Q. Do you understand your purpose in the Church and the Church's purpose in the world?

Q. How can you serve this purpose during the quarantine?

Q. How has your view of "church" changed during the quarantine?

Read John 20.24-25

Have you experienced times of doubt when you wanted proof, or a sign from God? Why?

Read John 20.26-27

Q. Why do you think Jesus offered Thomas "proof"?

Q. What do we learn from Thomas' experience?

Read John 20.30-31

Q. How do these verses form and affect our beliefs?

**Living It Out
Application**

The first Easter seems to be similar to the one that we just celebrated. John and the other disciples' reaction to what was going on at the time is easy to understand, but the resurrection changed everything!

What is God saying to you this week?

What will you do about it?

How can we help you?

Prayer:

Are there any specific things we need to pray about or needs to focus on?