



**Easter Sunday**  
**Running**  
**April 16, 2017**  
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God loves us as we are, not as we should be. – Brennan Manning

## ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide to deepen your faith and stir meaningful conversations with friends and family. Find a Small Group at [brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups](http://brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups).  
*Let's grow in life together!*

### Opening

Describe a time you had to respond to a crisis or emergency situation.

### Bible Study, Reflection and Discussion Questions

Read [Luke 24:9-11](#) and [John 20:3-10](#) (Reading #210 in *The Life of Jesus*).

1. What do you think the two disciples were thinking and feeling as they ran to the tomb?
2. Why did only two disciples run to the tomb? What do you think held the others back?
3. Even though John got to the tomb first, why do you think he didn't go in?
4. Is there something God has been calling you to do but you've been holding back? What's stopping you from moving forward?
5. If you were writing your own title for this passage of Scripture, what would it be?
6. What does Jesus' ultimate act of love and sacrifice mean to you?

7. Would it have been enough if Jesus died, but didn't come back to life? What is the significance of the resurrection?  
See [Romans 4:25](#); [6:5-11](#); [1 Corinthians 15:17-23](#).
8. In what ways have you experienced new life in Christ?
9. The disciples shared their doubts and questions, their fears and faith with each other. What are some benefits of studying the Bible and learning about God with other people? What do you miss out on by trying to live a life of faith all by yourself?
10. So often we attach our hearts to people, places, things, and outcomes, demanding they come through for us in a way they never can. Where do you look for life apart from Jesus?

### Soul Training

At least one time this week, turn off your phone (leave behind distractions) and find a beautiful place outside. Sit or take a walk. Take in God's creation and beauty. As responsibilities and tasks come to mind, do your best to let them go. Let them pass by your mind without grabbing hold of them. Deepen your trust in God, that He will bring those thoughts back to you later if they are important. Use this as a time to detach from the world and experience union with God.

### Memory Verse

*This is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and the One You have sent—Jesus Christ.*

**[John 17:3 \(HCSB\)](#)**

### Daily Reading

**April 17:** [2 Corinthians 5:18-21](#)

**April 20:** [John 3:16-17](#)

**April 18:** [Romans 6:5-11](#)

**April 21:** [Revelation 22:1-6](#)

**April 19:** [Psalm 25:4-6](#)

### Prepare for Next Sunday

Sunday, April 23, we will consider Jesus' Message on the Bread of Life. The Teaching will come from [John 6:22-71](#) (Reading #88 in *The Life of Jesus*).



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