

SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Empty / WEEK 3

BEFORE GROUP

BOTTOM LINE

What sin made empty, only Jesus can make full.

SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-23

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To show students that true fulfillment and satisfaction can only come from God. Allow a space for students to be vulnerable and honest about what they look for in life to fulfill them.

THINK ABOUT THIS

How has sin left you feeling empty before? What has motivated you to seek Jesus for true fulfillment?

Create meaningful conversations. Adjust the questions as needed, and don't feel like you need to answer all of them.

DURING GROUP

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is one of the worst things to find empty? (Example: toilet paper roll? Wallet? Gas tank?)
2. What is the worst thing to find full? (Example: Memory card? The only bathroom stall?)
3. If you were Mary walking to Jesus' tomb, what would you be thinking and feeling?
4. What would be your first reaction upon finding Jesus' tomb empty?
5. After the other disciples saw the empty tomb, they left. Why do you think Mary stayed?
6. When Jesus appeared, at first Mary thought He was the gardener. Why do you think this is an important detail?
7. How did Adam and Eve turn the Garden of Eden into a graveyard?
8. How does our sin and rebellion (figuratively) turn gardens into graveyards?
9. If you were Mary, what would be your reaction upon recognizing Jesus?
10. How does Jesus' death and resurrection mend the hole in our souls?
11. Why would God go to such great lengths (the cross) to fix a mess we made?
12. After appearing to Mary, Jesus appeared to the disciples and breathed on them. Why?
13. How does the Holy Spirit provide for us a full life now?

14. If you were to tell someone how to start a relationship with Jesus, what would you say?

15. Have you allowed Jesus to fill your emptiness and empty your grave?