



# SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Happy Easter / Week 1

## BEFORE GROUP

### BOTTOM LINE

Easter means fear isn't final.

### SCRIPTURE

*"Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" (1 Corinthians 15:54b-55 NLT).*

*The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you (Romans 8:11a NLT).*

### GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students realize that Jesus' victory over death can help them move forward through any fear they may face.

### THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders, it can be difficult for students to see how Easter impacts their daily lives. This week, we're talking about how Jesus defeated death. Instead of getting stuck on the fear of death and dying, help students connect to what Jesus' resurrection means in relationship to fear in their own lives.

*This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here.*

## DURING GROUP

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What's one stereotypical thing you are afraid of? What's one thing you were afraid of when you were younger?
2. What's a fear you've left behind as you've grown up? What's a fear that you've kept or that has grown with you?
3. What's a very real and practical fear that you've noticed in the past week?
4. **Don't miss this:** In what ways can fear impact how you make decisions or determine the direction of your life?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 15:54b-55. How does this verse differ from how most people see death?
6. What can change when we realize that something isn't final?
7. Jesus defeated death, which is something people fear, what does that mean for you?
8. **For upperclassmen:** What decisions would you make differently if you made them based on the fact that Jesus has defeated death and fear?

### TRY THIS

Leaders, before you dismiss group, have students take the next week and try to notice one time throughout the week that they feared something in their lives. Have them bring that instance to the next group to discuss and share with one another.