

# HOME GROUP

## Leader Guide



**TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE**

**BEST DAY EVER**

**AUGUST 23, 2015**



## **SHARE THE VISION (<10 minutes)**

As you start your group time, please be sure to discuss the following important topics listed below. This is key to keeping OneLifers informed.

### **BEST DAY EVER**

Next Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, truly is going to be the best day ever at OneLife. We are challenging every single person to bring someone with you to church – invite your friends and family who don't already have a church home to come experience Jesus! So, whom are you going to invite to come with you next Sunday to the Best Day Ever?

### **DUCT TAPE WORKSHOP**

Each year we have "required" trainings for our volunteers to make sure we are always getting better and better at reaching those far from God! The Duct Tape Workshop conference that we are hosting on Saturday, August 29 from 9-4 at our Powell campus will serve as our volunteer training for all teams (kids, production, worship, and first impressions) for 2015!

We will pay the \$18 registration fee for you, which includes lunch! So make sure you sign up ASAP! (PS...it's going to be FUN! Basically like a Night of Worship ALL day long plus training from some incredible church leaders!)

Go to [www.onelifeknox.com/ducttapesignup](http://www.onelifeknox.com/ducttapesignup) to sign up!

## KEY SCRIPTURES FOR THE WEEK:

### LUKE 24:1-12 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup> But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. <sup>3</sup> So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes.

<sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? <sup>6</sup> He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day."

<sup>8</sup> Then they remembered that he had said this. <sup>9</sup> So they rushed back from the tomb to tell his eleven disciples—and everyone else—what had happened. <sup>10</sup> It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and several other women who told the apostles what had happened. <sup>11</sup> But the story sounded like nonsense to the men, so they didn't believe it. <sup>12</sup> However, Peter jumped up and ran to the tomb to look. Stooping, he peered in and saw the empty linen wrappings; then he went home again, wondering what had happened

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM HANDOUT (35 Minutes)**

- 1. What experience do you have that sounded “too good to be true” or unbelievable when you told your friends/family? When they didn’t believe your story, how did you try to prove it to them? What did it take for them to believe you? Did they later experience for themselves?**

This question follows the examples mentioned in the sermon! The point of this question is two fold; to get the group discussion going and break the ice, as well as to begin relating to the sermon from this week! Your examples will be a great source for discussion as we go!

As a group leader, have an example from your own life ready! Was it the classic “big fish” story, or maybe it was the slightly exaggerated “you’ll never believe what I just did” story! Don’t be bashful! Let this question have some fun and don’t be afraid to laugh at yourself!

You can probably already connect the dots! When we experience something “unbelievable” it makes people want to experience it for themselves!

- 2. After reading Luke 24:1-12, try to place yourself in the women’s shoes. Why do you think they were puzzled about the empty tomb? In your opinion, why was this scene so significant? What “ah-ha” moment did they experience in v. 8? Spiritually speaking, have you ever had a moment that was an “ah-ha” moment where you finally understood something God had been showing you? What was that like?**

Essentially, this question is getting at the moments that we have where the dots finally connect and we’re able to see what God has been showing us for a long time! These women had already been told (by JESUS) what would happen after his death – HE WOULD RISE 3 DAYS LATER! However, in that freakish moment, they weren’t seeing the whole picture... Angels had to remind them what they already knew!

Have you ever had an experience where God had to remind you of something you already knew? What was that like? Even though you might have “known” it in the past, now that this experience has happened, you know it on a different level now! The truth is finally revealed!

Think of an example of when something good or bad happened to you that helped you finally understand what your parents had been telling you all these years! You had been told, but something caused the dots to connect! Now, think about how this is true for us spiritually!

- 3. What did the women do next as a result of their “ah-ha” moment in v. 8? If you had experienced this “best day ever” moment (or, use your own “best day ever” experience), who in your life would you tell first, why? How do you think they would respond, why? Why is it often difficult to describe this to others?**

The goal of this question is to get the group to begin to think OUTWARD... So, even though we are using personal examples, we are thinking about who we would *actually* tell, and how we think they would respond.

This is a common example, but think about the woman at the well (John 4:1-38). This was her best day ever – and she responded by going back and telling her whole village! And, their response was to come and experience it for themselves.

Religion has taught most of us that we need to be convincing, theologically or politically correct and sinless before we can share our best day ever! All of these are things that Satan will use to strike fear in us about sharing our story. 2 Timothy 1:7 says “For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.” Fear is directly opposed to love... Sharing your best day ever may be the most loving thing you can do for others, yet the discussion may reveal that fear keep us from loving.

- 4. Who are you planning to invite to The Best Day Ever, next week? How do you imagine their life will change if they see and experience what you’ve seen and experienced? What holds you back from sharing your best day ever more often? If you could give yourself one bit of advice/encouragement about sharing your “Best Day Ever” story with others, what would it be? Why?**

**END YOUR TIME PRAYING TOGETHER (10 Minutes)**