

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read Matthew 28:1-20 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) What is the logical problem with the claim that truth is based on preference or opinion? How could you use such a discussion in an evangelistic encounter
- 5) How would you respond to the following statement: "I'm a follower of Christ, but I don't believe Jesus rose from the dead"?
- 6) Is it enough to say that Jesus rose spiritually, but not bodily/physically? Why not?
- 7) Explain the contention that the Christian faith stands or falls based on Christ's resurrection.
- 8) Explain the connection between Jesus' resurrection and your own salvation.
- 9) How does the truth of the resurrection fit into a presentation of the gospel?
- 10) Why is it unlikely that Mary and Martha would have been included in Matthew's resurrection account if this were a fabrication? How does their appearance in this Gospel bolster the trustworthiness of Matthew's account?
- 11) Does affirmation of Jesus' resurrection necessarily imply that one is a follower of Christ? Explain your answer.
- 12) How does the resurrection speak to Jesus' lordship?
- 13) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study.

* Most of these questions take from: David Platt, <u>Exalting Jesus in Matthew</u>, ed. Daniel L. Akin, David Platt, and Tony Merida, Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary (Nashville, TN: Holman Reference, 2013), 367–368.