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# Easter Message Message Notes

## Heart Crew Participant Guide

For the week of April 19th & 20th, 2025

### **MY STORY**

1.	. What is a fa	vorite East	ter traditio	n you hav	e-or one	you've	always
	wanted to s	start?					

2. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

#### DIGGING DEEPER

1. This weekend Pastor Dan shared a powerful message about faith, hope, and resurrection. He dives into Hebrews 11 and presented us with two lists of people: List A: those who received their healing or breakthrough on this side of eternity, and List B: those who held on in faith, but only received their promise on the other side of eternity What does this teach you about faith and hope?

 a. Which list do you find yourself relating to right now—and why?

- 2. Does the concept that the breakthrough you're contending for might only come on the other side of eternity challenge the way you view faith, prayer, or God's goodness? If so, in what way? If not, what has helped anchor your hope even in uncertainty?
- 3. It's no secret that we all prefer to get our breakthrough on this side of eternity. But Scripture invites us to look beyond our current experiences. Let's read a few verses that speak into this tension: Romans 8:18, 2 Corinthians 4:17–18, James 5:1.
  - a. After reading these verses, what stands out to you personally? Do any of them shift how you view the idea of waiting, suffering, or breakthrough?
- 4. On the flip side, we're also encouraged throughout Scripture to pray boldly and contend for our breakthroughs on this side of eternity. Let's explore a few verses that speak to God's power and desire to move in our lives here and now: Matthew 7:7–8, John 14:13–14, James 5:16.
  - a. After reading these scriptures, how do they impact the way you pray and contend for breakthrough?
  - b. When you place these verses about contending for breakthrough alongside the earlier ones about eternal hope and waiting, holding on to both truths can seem conflicting at times. Let's look at some scriptures that shows us that God designed us to live with both present

desires and eternal longing. How might this awareness shape the way you wait, pray, and trust? Read Ecclesiastes 3:11 & Matthew 6:33.

- 5. John 16:33 teaches us that we will all face trouble in this life. That's why our faith in God isn't just about what He does—but who we believe He is when things get hard. When we face trials, what role do you usually place God in? Does that role draw you closer to Him, make you question Him, or leave you feeling stuck?
- 6. Easter is a celebration of Jesus' resurrection. How does knowing that He overcame the ultimate trial—death itself impact the way you view your own struggles? How can the hope of His resurrection inspire you to trust in God's ultimate plan for restoration, even when you face challenges in this life?

#### TAKING IT HOME

Life will undoubtedly bring us through difficult seasons, and there will be times when we desperately need a miracle in our circumstances. But no matter what we face, we are called to trust God beyond what we see. Ask God for the faith to hope for the things not yet visible, knowing that even in the waiting, His resurrection power is at work in us. As we look to the hope of eternal restoration, let us be reminded that our ultimate breakthrough is secure in Him. Keep your eyes on the promises of God and know that His faithfulness will carry you through every trial, every hardship, and into the victory that is ours in Christ. Keep hoping, keep trusting, and keep believing—your story isn't over yet.