

## **Mar 31 – Small Group Questions - Luke 24:1-12 “Easter: Morning”**

Ernest Becker, cultural anthropologist, spoke of western culture as the first truly secular culture. Secular meaning lifespan, the belief that this lifespan is all there is. As a result, we believe we must cram all our significance, all of our happiness into this one lifespan.

1. In what ways do we seek significance and happiness as a culture?  
What impact does this have on ourselves, our relationships, our world?

### **Read Luke 24:1-12; 1 Corinthians 15:1-5, 12-26**

2. Paul makes the point that if not for the reality of the resurrection we are still in our sins, our faith is futile, and we are to be most pitied. What evidence do we find for the resurrection in these two passages? What do you find the most compelling and why?

The angelic messengers want to remind the women that Jesus said he *must* be delivered over, *must* be crucified, *must* rise again.

3. In the sermon Tim spoke about what message the Romans were seeking to “preach” by their use of the cross. In light of that context how are we meant to hear the message of the empty tomb?
4. What are the results of resurrection according to these two passages?

### **Read 1 Corinthians 15:58.**

5. Paul speaks of a work that is rooted in the reality of the resurrection. How do the women invite us into the work of a resurrection people?
6. What is Luke telling us in giving us the details of first witnesses who are also the first citizens of a kingdom of priests? (Read Luke 8:1-3 for context)
7. We are surrounded by a culture that lives in the shadow of death, lives as if this life is all there is. How can we by the way that we live, the way that we die, point to the hope of new creation?