

Connect Group Guide

April 12, 2020

Easter

CONNECT

What are your favorite Easter memories and traditions? How have you adjusted this year as we aren't able to gather with groups of people?

GROW

- Hans started the message with a little field trip around Alexandria to talk about things **looking different** this year. What looks most different to you? We are often **feeling** hopeful at this time of year, but instead many of us feel fear, sadness, and uncertainty. Be honest: how do you *feel*? **Read: Matthew 28:1-7**
- As you think about our lives today, have you wondered or heard others ask, "Where is God?" What do you think when you hear that **God doesn't just show up when things are good?** When have you seen God show up amidst a messy or painful situation?
- We watched a video that showed a house falling off the edge of a cliff after excessive rain. Have you heard it said that Jesus offers us a firm foundation? What does it mean to reassess our foundations and to realize through the Easter story that **God was built for times like this?**
- The disciples worried that all hope was lost, but **God found a way in** through the resurrection of Jesus. How could you remind one another that God will find a way in right now?

PRAY

God, thank you for always showing up. Regardless of what we do or don't do, you are faithful and persistent. You found a way into the world when your son was raised from the dead, and you will always find a way into our lives today. For that, we give thanks! Amen.