

EASTER STORIES

Key Truth/Principle: Surprised by Hope

Key Verse(s): ... *Luke 24:13–35*

Suggested format: Social time/ice-breaker, Word, worship with communion and prayer

Key Point(s)



**** TOP TIPS ****

Remember people are indwelt with the spirit – expect them to have something to bring – most just need permission and clarity, and yearn for depth.

- **WELCOME:** Have fun, involve everyone, keep it moving
- **WORSHIP:** Deliberately LEAD people into stepping out – most people appreciate specific guidance and feel released to know how to participate (e.g. let's read a Psalm together and use the words to help us worship, let's listen to this song, let's sing now, let's have a time of prophecy and hearing from God, if you feel you want to start a song please do). Encourage gifts!
- **PRAYER:** Weave into all you do, respond to things as they come up and help people by being specific (e.g. let's all go round and pray short prayers thanking God for a particular characteristic
- **WORD:** Some folks would not have been there on Sunday – don't; worry too much about recapping, just dive into questions. Splitting people into pairs/small groups with specific question and a time frame usually brings out the best discussion and involvement of everyone.

KEY QUESTIONS

1. What is most likely to cause your head to go down in discouragement?
2. In a world that is full of fearful voices (just look at the daily news) what tips, daily routines have you learned as a Christian to keep your joy & peace?
3. How clear / confident are you about your future hope as a Christian?