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Rise – 4/21 Talk

I'm so excited for this talk, and I think it will be so impactful for your groups! Don't feel like you have to go through everything that is written! If your group needs to spend more time on one part, feel free to do that. The goal of this talk is to see the impact of Jesus' resurrection and the amazing grace of His call to us to RISE. Make sure you take time at the beginning to welcome any new people or guests and don't assume that everyone knows everyone. Give them a chance to introduce themselves and to share a little about what is happening in their lives.

- Did anything from the talk stand out to you this week?
- Read Luke 7:11-16
 - Put yourself in this woman's position, what are you feeling?
 - Terrible grief, having lost her husband already and now her only son
 - Lonely
 - Fear, because women at this time had very few options to earn money and now had no family to care for her
 - How do you think she reacted to Jesus telling her not to weep?
 - A large crowd was following Jesus already, so this woman may have already heard stories about Him
 - Who all is affected by this resurrection?
 - The man – was dead and is now alive
 - The mother – had lost her son and now has him back
 - The crowds – they have seen someone brought back to life from death
- Read Mark 5:21-43
 - What is odd about Jairus going to Jesus for help?
 - Many of the Jewish leaders were not fans of Jesus
 - Cool note: Jairus is derived from Jair which means He (God) gives light
 - Have you ever felt like you were in a similar situation as the woman in this story?
 - Something is wrong and only seems to get worse no matter what you do?
 - How does that feel?

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- How long had this woman been suffering from this disease?
 - How old was Jairus' daughter?
 - At the same time this woman's suffering began, a little girl was born
 - Isn't that incredible?
- What do you think Jairus is feeling while Jesus is healing this woman?
 - Probably conflicted
 - Amazed and encouraged by Jesus' display of power
 - But anxious for Jesus to hurry and get to his daughter
- What do you think Jairus feels when people come from his house to tell him that his daughter is dead and to stop troubling Jesus?
 - Does it seem like they handled this situation well?
 - Do people today bring discouragement in awful situations?
- Jesus says, "Do not fear, only believe."
 - Do you need to hear that from Jesus?
- Who all is affected by this resurrection story?
- Read John 11:1-44
 - How do you think Mary and Martha felt when Jesus took so long to get there?
 - What did they want Jesus to do?
 - What did Jesus want to do?
 - Do you ever find that what you want and what Jesus wants for you to be different?
 - How do you handle that?
 - How do Mary and Martha handle Jesus not doing what they wanted?
 - Who all is affected by this resurrection story?
- Read John 20:1-18, 30-31
 - Who all is affected by this resurrection story?
 - What does it mean for you?
 - Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God?
- Read John 1:4-5
 - Jesus' call is to Rise out of darkness
 - Is there anything that Jesus is calling you to Rise out of today?