

BIG IDEA

The empty tomb should always lead to an empty chair.

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

Tell your best “empty gas tank” story to the group. Do you fill your tank up regularly, or do you wait until the last minute?

How would you define the word *emptiness*? Had it ever occurred to you that *empty* could be a good thing?

Read the account of the empty tomb in Luke 24:1-35. As you read, pay special attention to the way that Jesus’ followers responded to the news of the empty tomb. What patterns are you noticing?

Reflect on the mindset of the disciples when they first heard about the empty tomb. How did their attitude change over the course of the account? How can you relate?

WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

Can you think of a time in your life when you, like the disciples, had lost all hope? How did you make it through this time?

Reflect on the C. S. Lewis quote from this weekend’s message:
“If I find in myself desires which nothing in this world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world.”

Read Ephesians 4:10-14. What area(s) of emptiness do you need Christ to fill?

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:13-14. When did you first come to believe that Jesus had really risen from the dead? What difference did it make in your life then? Has the impact waned?

What kind of promise does the empty tomb hold for you today?

What is keeping you in your chair?

