

**INTRO**

- If you had any at all, what were your Easter traditions growing up?
- What's your favourite thing about Spring?

**READ**

The Death of Jesus - Mark 1:33-39

The Resurrection of Jesus - Mark 16:1-7

Our Eternal Hope - 1 Peter 1:3-5

At the time of Jesus' death, a supernatural darkness came over the land for three straight hours. This darkness symbolized what was happening in the spiritual realm as the chaos and disintegration of the all things were being placed upon Jesus.

At the first realization of the resurrection, it is recorded that an angel dressed in a white robe representing light appeared to the women at the tomb.

Just as God replaced darkness and chaos at the time of creation with light, He responds again to our darkness in redemption through Jesus.

**REFLECT & RESPOND**

When things in our world and lives seem like they are falling apart (disintegrating), it could be a sign that we are building on a faulty foundation.

*Qu: Describe a time when something was falling apart in your life and God used that experience to show you a faulty foundation you were building on.*

*Qu: What are the ongoing idols of your heart that creep in and replace Jesus as your functional saviour?*

**LONGING FOR REVIVAL**

Historically, times of renewal and revival come from desperation. When we feel safe and secure through our jobs, money, health and relationships we tend to pray less.

In good times, we also tend to not really believe that Jesus is the only answer. Hence, we are reluctant to share our faith with others.

Let's trust the Lord together to see something different in our church.

**PRAY**

- Pray for one another to grow in desperation for God
- Pray for renewal and revival in our church and city