

## The Empty Tomb

### DAYLIGHT PREVIEW

#### Twelve men; One goal

What would happen with a commercial product if the people who were charged with selling it—with making it known to the market audience—didn't believe in the product? They would have a tough time convincing others about it—and they most likely wouldn't risk their whole livelihood on it. And what would happen if just twelve men were tasked with sharing with the entire world the story of their friend's resurrection from the dead? If they weren't convinced that it was true, would they risk their lives to convey that story? Twelve men were transformed by Jesus' resurrection, and they spent the rest of their lives fulfilling the goal of spreading the good news.

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### COME TOGETHER

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#### *Icebreaker Questions*

1. Joe Stowell notes that Jesus had three years to prepare twelve men for global influence. What is the most intense training regimen you've experienced?
2. One of Jesus' resurrection appearances occurred at the Sea of Galilee, when discouraged Peter and his friends went back to the fishing business. What do you like to do when you're feeling down?

3. Have you ever been pegged as a “doubting Thomas”? How fitting is that label for you?



## FINDING DAYLIGHT

### Experience the Video

Feel free to jot down Video Notes as you watch the presentation by Joe Stowell. Use the space below for those notes.

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### VIDEO NOTES

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What Jesus may have thought

The resurrection

The empty tomb

The appearances

On the road to Emmaus

Together in a room

Breakfast by the sea

Announcement of the Spirit

Promise of His return

Joe's summation: Jesus is unique



## WALKING IN THE DAYLIGHT

### Discussion Time

#### DISCOVER GOD'S WORD

#### *Discussion/Application Questions*

1. What do you think of Joe Stowell's speculation that there were times when Jesus wondered, because the disciples were such slow learners, if He really could trust His message to these men?

2. Joe then proceeds to say that there were two events and one promise that sealed the deal, and these things eventually made these men unstoppable.

What were those two events and one promise?

3. Read Luke's account of Jesus' resurrection in Luke 24:1-12.

- a. Why do you suppose the disciples didn't believe the women?

- b. What do you think Peter concluded after seeing the empty tomb?

4. Jesus then appeared to two followers other than the Eleven (one named Cleopas, the other unnamed). Read Luke 24:33-49, picking up the story after these two share how Jesus revealed himself to them.

- a. What did Jesus want to impress upon His disciples?

- b. What did Jesus have planned next for them?

5. Luke wrote both the book of Acts and the gospel of Luke. Read how he begins his second book in Acts 1:1-8.

What was the connection between the disciples' commission and their empowerment to accomplish it?

6. Now read Luke's account of Jesus' ascension in Acts 1:9-11.

What effect did the promise of Jesus' return, in combination with His resurrection and the empowerment of the Spirit, have on the disciples?