

We are glad you chose to join us today to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We hope that your stay will be both meaningful and memorable.

We are a church that seeks to bring glory to God, to build the local church through discipleship and to fulfill the Great Commission.

Here are some activities going on with us!

### Small Group Leaders & Facilitators Meet-up

Pastor Nic will meet with Groups 1 & 2 on June 14, 2026, 7PM at the Center.

### Hermeneutics Class

Do you want to grow in understanding and interpreting God's Word?

We invite you to join our upcoming Hermeneutics Class, beginning **June 28, 2026**. This class is open to all who are interested and would like to learn practical principles for studying the Bible with greater clarity, care, and confidence.

### IPLC 2026

The **International Pastors & Leaders Convention (IPLC 2026)** will be held on July 28-30 at the Living Word Banawa. Registration is ongoing. Take advantage of the early bird rates until June 15, 2026.

To register, go to: [www.livingword.ph/iplc](http://www.livingword.ph/iplc)

### How can we pray for you?

Inviting you to join our **Prayer Meeting, Tuesdays at 7PM**. You may **send your prayer requests and praise reports** by text (0912 130 6148), by writing them on the prayer cards provided, or by sending us a private message on our Facebook page.



### Discover life with our Small Groups.

Looking for **deeper connections** and a **closer walk with God**? Our small groups are where we cultivate meaningful relationships and grow in faith together. Want to join? Visit our Information Booth after the service to find the perfect group for you!



### Stay for fellowship and refreshments.

Stick around after the service for **coffee and connection**! It's the perfect chance to meet some friendly faces, learn more about our small groups, our ministries, and discover all that our church has to offer. We'd love to see you there!



### Free Blood Pressure and Sugar Check-up.

Encouraging those who wish to monitor their Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar levels to **avail of our free check-up**, happening **every after Sunday service!**



### Ways to give tithes and love gifts.

BPI Checking                      **0421-0041-16**  
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### Sunday Services

**English** 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM  
**Cebuano** 4:00 PM

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*Worship God. Advance His Kingdom.*

## THE ENDING THAT SENDS US

The Passion Narrative: From Betrayal to the Cross

Mark 16:1-8  
Ptr. Nic Sy  
June 14, 2026

### SERMON NOTES

#### I. BEFORE THEY ARRIVED, GOD HAS ALREADY MOVED THE STONE

*God may move the stone, but not always for the reason we came.*

**Reflect:** What stone are you asking God to move, and what if God moves it for a purpose bigger than the one you imagined?

*Because resurrection does not merely help us continue with business as usual. Resurrection changes the whole situation.*

#### II. BEFORE THEY UNDERSTOOD, GOD HAD ALREADY RAISED JESUS

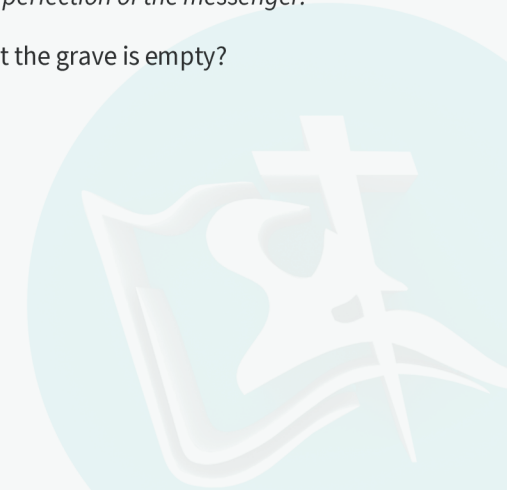
*The resurrection is not merely a past event we affirm. It is the present reality in which we live.*

**Reflect:** Do you actually live as though the resurrection is true or does it remain a doctrine you believe without a life that reflects it?

#### III. BEFORE THEY OBEYED, JESUS WAS ALREADY GOING BEFORE THEM

*The good news of Jesus is not chained to the perfection of the messenger.*

**Reflect:** What will you do with the news that the grave is empty?



# “THE ENDING THAT SENDS US”

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of June 15-21, 2026

### GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

What is the most memorable cliffhanger movie or book ending you have ever experienced? Did it leave you frustrated, or did it make the story stick with you even longer?

### GROUP DISCUSSION

#### Read Mark 16:1-8

1. The women came to the tomb very early, bringing spices to anoint Jesus' body. What does this show us about their love and devotion to Jesus? At the same time, what does it show about what they were expecting? How can our love for Jesus be sincere, yet still limited by what we think is possible?

2. The stone had already been rolled back before the women arrived; they prepared for a problem God had already solved. Read Isaiah 65:24 together. How does this verse describe the way God relates to our needs before we even fully express them? Can you think of a moment in your own life when you discovered, in hindsight, that God had already been working before you knew you needed him?

3. In Mark 16:4-6, the women looked up and saw that the stone had been rolled back, and then they heard the announcement, “*He has risen; he is not here.*” Why is the resurrection central to the Christian faith? Read 1 Corinthians 15:14-19. According to Paul, what would be lost if Christ had not been raised? How does the empty tomb give us hope beyond general optimism or positive thinking?

4. Many of us believe in the resurrection as a historical fact but don't always live as though it is true. Read Romans 8:11 slowly as a group. What does Paul say is the connection between the power that raised Jesus and the life we live right now? What would it look like practically (e.g. in your home, your work, your relationships) if you genuinely lived as though that power was at work in you today?

5. Read Mark 16:7. The women were told, “*Go, tell his disciples and Peter.*” Why do you think Peter is specifically mentioned? What had Peter done before this moment? How does this detail help us understand the grace of Jesus toward those who have failed him?

6. Mark left the last page blank because the story is still being written through ordinary, frightened people. Who in your life has been part of the unbroken chain of people who carried this gospel to you? And who are you carrying it toward? Is there a specific person whose name comes to mind when you hear the commission to “go and tell”?

### NEXT STEPS

*The book may end, but the gospel does not.*

- **Look Up.** I will bring my impossible situation to God and trust him beyond what I can see.
- **Stand Amazed.** I will make space this week to worship the risen Christ, not just ask him for help.
- **Receive Grace.** I will stop letting past failures have the final word over me.
- **Go Tell.** I will take one step from silence to witness this week.

### CLOSING THE SESSION

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for hearts that look up from fear, receive the grace of the risen Christ, and go tell others the hope of the empty tomb.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

### BIBLE READING GUIDE

June 15	<b>Mark 16:1-8</b>
June 16	<b>Jonah 2:1-10</b>
June 17	<b>Ezekiel 37:1-14</b>
June 18	<b>Luke 24:1-12</b>
June 19	<b>Romans 6:1-11</b>
June 20	<b>Psalms 105:12-15</b>
June 21	<b>Psalms 105:16-22</b>

