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## A Kingdom of New Life (Matthew 28)

*Warm Up: When something unexpected happens, are you more likely to run toward it, run away from it, or freeze?*

### READ Matthew 28

- Why did the women go to the tomb in the early morning? What were they expecting to find?
- What message did the angel give them, and how did the women respond emotionally and practically?

### REFLECT

- As the women obey the angel's instructions, what happens next? How does obedience position them to encounter Jesus?
- As you follow Jesus' instruction to you, what can you expect?
- Why don't more people choose to follow Jesus?
  - Pastor Neil shared his neighbor's perspective—does anyone remember what it was, and why it resonated?
- What "stones" have kept you from fully believing in or trusting the ongoing power of Jesus' resurrection in your everyday life?
- How have some of those stones of unbelief been rolled away over time, allowing you to experience deeper faith, freedom, or hope?

### RESPOND

- How might you partner with Jesus to bring life-changing hope to others—to help "roll away stones" in people's lives?
- What is one specific step the Holy Spirit is inviting you to take? What does that look like for you this week in real, practical terms?

*"To transform religious and irreligious people into Fully Devoted Followers of Christ."*