



# WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

## ***The Story Continues***

**Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

### **EXPLORING THE SERMON**

- What did you hear?
- What did you think or feel about what you heard?
- What is one thing you can take away from the sermon this week?

### **VERSES FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION**

*“..this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope.’*

Now that we have completed the journey through Holy Week, we could easily be at a place where we are experiencing “post-Easter let-down syndrome.” Just as the community and the disciples had a lot to absorb after the resurrection, it is the same for us as we now stand in an “open space”, wondering what comes next.

*Has this been the case for you since Easter? Have there been practices that have helped keep you focused?*

Jill pointed out that we are able to see the loving hand of God at work more clearly when we look back at how God has been moving and working in our lives. In doing so, we are able to find the meaning and purpose for circumstances which may have baffled us in the present.

*Take some time to look back and discuss events in your life that at the time you could not see the hand of God at work, but through faith, you have seen His progressive work. How can this provide assurance that nothing can prevent His plan from being carried out, and how can our story help others?*

Jill points out that the story now continues with us, not by merely talking about a story that happened 2,000 years ago, but one that is now intertwined with our story. We need to be able to share our story—our personal story, our family story, and our church’s story, and the difference that Jesus continues to make in our lives.

*Discuss ways in which you can commit to live out this calling to continue the story as a community—through supporting and praying for one another, and helping each other remember who is the author of our story, on this side of Easter.*

**Prayer:** *Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of victory over death in Christ’s resurrection. Help us to live lives with a purpose, encouraging one another to live better lives and share our stories of hope. Amen.*

