

# FINDING GOD WHEN THE TOMB IS EMPTY

## GOD SIGHTINGS & EASTER EGG HUNTS

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Luke 11:32/ Matthew 5:21-48/ Micah 6:8

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We Still Find God, His Will & His Plan For Our Life Today  
The Same Way They Found It (or missed it) 2,000 Years Ago

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him **AND really want to find him**  
Proverbs 2:3-6/ Jeremiah 29:13/ Luke 16:27-31/ Proverbs 1:20-32/ Luke 11:23
  
- ✓ We'll find God's will & plan when we  
follow the **parts of his will & plan we already know**  
Proverbs 4:18-19/ Isaiah 58:1-9/ Romans 1:18-32/ Luke 11:27-28/ John 13:17

## TAKING IT HOME

1. This weekend we were encouraged that if we believe Jesus is alive, then we should live like it. Can you think of any changes you need to make to live more like you believe he's alive?

2. Is there anything that came up from this week's sermon or homework that you'd like prayer for?

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### Prayer Requests:

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Weekend of Service is less than three weeks away and projects are beginning to fill up! If you or your group haven't signed up yet, the sooner you sign up, the more options you'll have.

Sign up at our weekend services

or online @ [weekendofservice.com](http://weekendofservice.com).



### THE POWER OF THE T-SHIRT

Don't forget the "Power the T-shirt" and get your Weekend of Service T-shirt for \$5 at any of our weekend services or at the church office on the Vista Campus during the week.

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# Growth Group Homework

For the week of April 24, 2011

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## QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, *Finding God When The Tomb Is Empty*, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

## MY STORY

1. This weekend, we saw a glimpse of how Chris and Larry's families celebrate Easter. What was Easter like in your household growing up? Has it changed over the years?

2. Larry mentioned that when we ignore the light we have, it gets harder to know God's will. When we respond to the light we have, it gets easier. Is there a time in your life when you saw this principle work for you? If so, explain.

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. Understanding who Jesus is and what he has done for us is the essential message of Easter. The following passages all contain statements that Jesus made about himself. For each one, identify what he says about himself and any ways you can think of for how his description of himself can have an impact on our lives as believers.

John 6:35

John 8:12

John 10:7-10

John 10:14-15

John 11:25-26

John 14:6

Which of the descriptions Jesus uses for himself is most encouraging to you?

2. We heard this weekend that we'll find God when we look for him and really want to find him. What insights into this search do you find in Matthew 13:44-46?

What is most helpful for you to focus on right now in your pursuit of God – what it takes to pursue God or the value of the object you're searching for?

What are some things that have helped you in your search for God, his will and his plan?

3. Christ's resurrection is foundational to the Christian faith because it is the proof that Christ is who he claimed to be – the Messiah. But it also has other ramifications on our faith. What importance do the following passages place on Christ's death and resurrection for us in our Christian walk?

1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Romans 5:6-8

Romans 6:5-7

What do you find most meaningful about what Christ did for us?