- 2. Another great story of faith from the Old Testament is found in 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 6:8-23. Read the story in its entirety and answer the following questions.
  - a. Have a few members of the group recap the story using their own words.
  - **b.** What does this story tell us about God? Faith? People?
  - **c**. Which character(s) in the story do you relate to most in your current "battle"?
- 3. Read all of Hebrews 11 together and answer the following questions.
  - a. What insights about biblical faith stuck out to you as you read the text?
  - **b.** Which of these characters listed in this chapter surprised you?
  - **c.** Right in the middle of verse 35, the understanding of faith shifts to a grim acceptance of the fallen world. How do you personally balance the faith of the first 34 verses with the harsh reality of the latter part?
  - **d**. What does the process of finding hope look like for you when it seems like it's in short supply?

### Personal reflection and application.

- 1. Have everyone share one thing someone else said that stood out to them from this discussion.
- 2. Take prayer requests. Try to take no more than 60 seconds per person to share since we will do it all together.





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# "So That YOU May Believe!" John 20 Pastor Kyle Bonenberger

<b>&gt;&gt;</b>	Belief that	leads to	resurrection	life means

<b>1.</b> Human	and pas
	can be broken.

- **2.** God offers \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of \_\_\_\_ circumstances.
- **3.** God wants us to have \_\_\_\_\_.
- **4.** God offers \_\_\_\_\_ in exchange for \_\_\_\_\_
- **5.** God promises \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS**

# What do you think?

From City Church's Easter service, what part really struck a chord with you?

## The story of your life.

- 1. Pastor Kyle's message was titled "So that you may believe." What types of things help encourage your sense of faith/belief? What kinds of cause your sense of faith/belief to struggle?
- 2. Trials and tragedies cause all of our faiths to struggle at times. One of the things Pastor Kyle discussed was God's promise of peace in the midst of fearful circumstances. How are you finding peace in this current fearful circumstance?

# Digging deeper.

- 1. One of the greatest stories of faith and subsequent lapse of faith is when Peter walks on the water, only to sink just a few moments later. Read Matthew 14:22-33 and answer the following questions.
  - **a**. Have a few members of the group recap the story using their own words.
  - **b.** What does this story tell us about God? People?
  - **c.** Looking specifically at Peter in this story, where did he get it right? How did he get off track?
  - d. In light of all this, how would you rate your sense of faith right now on a scale of 1-10?