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|                                 | EASTER AT CENTRAL 2025   |
| <br>BIG IDEA                  | The resurrection of Jesus demands a response because if it's true, it changes everything.  |
| <br>ICE BREAKER               | Share about a significant conversation that changed the direction of your life. What made that conversation so impactful?  |
| <br>MAIN POINTS               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Everything Big Begins with a Conversation</li> <li>● Easter leads to the biggest conversation about faith: the Resurrection</li> <li>● Three common theories against the resurrection and their shortcomings:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Google Maps Theory (Wrong Tomb)</li> <li>○ The Swoon Theory</li> <li>○ The Heist Theory</li> </ul> </li> <li>● The circumstantial evidence for Jesus' resurrection is compelling</li> <li>● If the resurrection is true, Jesus becomes the credible answer to life's big questions</li> <li>● Jesus is uniquely qualified to free us from sin and death</li> <li>● The resurrection is the proof of Christianity, not the behavior of Christians or answered prayer</li> </ul>   |
| <br>DISCUSS                 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why do you think Jesus remains so influential 2,000 years after his death, despite never traveling far, writing books, or holding office?</li> <li>2. Which of the three theories against the resurrection did you find most interesting to consider? Why?</li> <li>3. Pastor Shan says, "It takes more faith to be an unbeliever than it takes to be a believer." Do you agree or disagree? Explain your reasoning.</li> <li>4. Reflect on the prison illustration. How does Jesus' role as the one who "sets prisoners free" speak to your own life experience?</li> <li>5. Jesus asked, "Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26). Where are you in your journey of belief regarding the resurrection?</li> <li>6. How might this Easter message change the way you approach conversations about faith with others?</li> </ol> |
| <br>NEXT STEP               | Is there someone in your life who needs to hear the hope that comes from the resurrection? How might you start that conversation?  |
| <br>SCRIPTURE               | <p>John 14:6 - Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."</p> <p>John 11:25-26 - I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?</p>   |
| <br>NEXT WEEK<br>SNEAK PEAK | Join us next week and invite a friend as start a new series exploring who Jesus is, called I AM!   |

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