

# HOMECCELL FORMAT

## WHO ROLLED THE STONE AWAY?

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### WELCOME

Welcome all members who are joining the Homecell.

### WORSHIP

Prepare Praise and Worship for the Homecell gathering (1 Praise & 1 Worship songs)

### WORD

- What does Easter mean to you?

#### **Read Mark 16:1-8**

*"Who will roll away the stone for us?"*

*It would have taken about twenty men to roll the stone away, given what we know about tombs at that time. So these three women knew they didn't stand a chance.*

*They wanted to anoint their beloved Savior's dead body. It would be their last act of love toward the one who showed them such love.*

*But how?*

*The stone being rolled away from the tomb tells us something about Easter that is also quite significant.*

- **BACK AT THE UPPER ROOM**
  - Where were Jesus' disciples when the women went to the tomb?
  - Why, do you think, weren't they going to the tomb as well, helping the women to remove the stone?

*They did not even appear in this part of the Gospel we read.*

*They weren't going to the tomb to help the women remove the stone.*

*They were all locked away in the upper room, afraid for their lives.*

*The men had created a tomb for themselves and put a stone of their making over it.*

*Even the leader of the disciples, Peter, is locked away with the other disciples, cowering in fear.*

*Maybe in Peter's case, the stone he needed rolled away, is himself.*

*Sometimes that's true for us also. We get in our own way. We create our own tombs.*

*And the stone covering the tomb is our very own self.*

- Think of some stones you need rolled away in your life.

**JESUS WILL ROLL THE STONE AWAY!**

**BECAUSE THERE IS NO STONE TOO LARGE FOR GOD!**

**NO OBSTACLE THAT GOD CANNOT REMOVE!**

- **GOD WILL BE WITH US**

- What can we learn from the women's courage to go to the tomb, even though they didn't know how to roll the stone away?

*The women knew they couldn't roll that stone away, but it did not stop them from going to the tomb.*

*Sometimes we need to leave our tombs. We need to step out in faith, and we need to trust that God will be there for us and help us in our need.*

*God will be with us, always, and especially when we need God to be.*

- What was the instruction to the women at the tomb?
- What did they do?
- Why did they not go and tell anybody?
- Why, do you think, they were afraid?
- What does that tell us when we step out in faith?

*They were told to go and tell Peter and the other disciples that Jesus is going ahead of them to Galilee; there they would see him, just as he promised.*

*So, what did the women do?*

*They fled from the tomb, and said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.*

*Even after we step out in faith, we can still find ourselves stumbling.*

*There are lots of stones in our paths, it turns out, and it is easy to stumble.*

*And that fear became another stone that needed to be rolled away.*

- **PROOF OF THE RESURRECTION**

- Discuss what happened to the disciples after Jesus went to heaven. (Acts)
- What changed for them? From being cowering away, to being fearless?

*Peter and the disciples, who were cowering in fear in their locked upper room, became the most fearless witnesses to the resurrection that you could ever imagine.*

*Most of them dying, unafraid, and unwilling to deny what had become the cornerstone of their faith: that Christ died, rose again, and promised one day to return.*

*No one was more fearless than those first disciples.*

*No stone that this world rolled in front of them could stop them now.*

*Not prison, or threat of death, or anything else in this world.*

So what changed?

How did they go from cowering in fear in a locked room, to boldly sharing the story of Jesus with all the world?

Who rolled away the stone for them?

What else could it be?

IT WAS JESUS HIMSELF

DON'T WORRY ABOUT WHO WILL ROLL AWAY THE STONE FOR YOU!  
WHATEVER THAT STONE MAY BE: JESUS CHRIST IS THE RISEN LORD!

## WORKS

The Apostle Paul said in **2 Corinthians 5:20** *“So, we tenderly plead with you on Christ’s behalf, ‘Turn back to God and be reconciled to him.’”*

Spend a few minutes to pray for each other for boldness to reach out to the people you listed on your Oikos List. Stand in agreement for opportunities to reach out to them.

## NOTE

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