

## OUR STORYLINE

You were created for connection: connection to Christ and to a community of His followers. But fear gets in the way, which can make you feel hopeless. And no one in a church should ever feel hopeless.

We understand. We've experienced the same fear and failures. But we've accepted Christ's invitation to live without fear and to open ourselves to deep, meaningful connections.

When you open up and overcome fear, you can go from hopeless to hopeful and start living a life overflowing with joy, grace and compassion.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Egg Hunt was a success. We were able to bless 40 children from Hallman Elementary School, as well as 25 families from our church by delivering candy-stuffed eggs to their homes.

### BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

Did you know Barry sends out a Bible Reading Schedule every week?! If you are not receiving one but would like to, check the box "Send me Pastor Barry's weekly e-mails" on a Connection Card or if you are watching online, click [newharvestch.org/connect](http://newharvestch.org/connect) and ask to be added to Barry's weekly email list.

### ALIVE YOUTH EVENT

*Friday, April 23rd, 6-9pm, Saturday, April 24th, 10am—10pm*

IDENTITY THEFT-WHO ARE YOU? Fabulous food, crazy games, prayer experience, challenging lessons, engaging worship, night games, bowling and more! Pick up a registration form. Cost: \$10. Questions? Contact Meredith Mooney by phone (503.851.1318) or email ([meredith@newharvestch.org](mailto:meredith@newharvestch.org).)

### SAVE THE DATE

*A Women's Breakfast, May 8, 10-11:30am in the Gym*

Details to follow.

Welcome  
Guests  
& Visitors

We are delighted you chose to attend our gathering today. Use the Connection Card in the back of the chairs or our online Connection Card ([newharvestch.org/connect](http://newharvestch.org/connect)) to share your prayer requests and to let us know that you joined us today.

## KING OF KINGS

Easter comes alive for the disciples when Jesus appears to them for the first time. This is the ultimate launch . . .

**Luke 24:36-53**

WE HAVE LIFTOFF

THREE — CONVINCED

“Why do doubts rise in your minds?” (v.38)

“He opened their minds.” (v.45)

100% the Lord; 100% you and me.

TWO — COMMISSIONED

“send” or “witnesses” (v.48)

“I am sending you.” — John 20:21

ONE — CLOTHED

“clothed with power on high” (v.49)

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you . . .” — Acts 1:8

\*Be Filled:

**Desire   Yield   Effort**

“He must become greater; I must become less.” — John 3:30

\*One Day:

“transform our lowly bodies . . . to be like his glorious body.”

— Philippians 3:21

“BLAST OFF!

### Reflective Questions

- 1) Would you rather fly to the moon; take an airplane to Hawaii; a train to San Diego; or a car to British Columbia? Why?
- 2) Why is Luke 24:36-53 an ideal Easter passage? Why does Luke conclude with this story?
- 3) What does it mean to you to be “clothed with power from on high?”

