

## New Sermon Series Begins April 11: **"Rise & Share"**

**Background:** Luke follows up his Gospel account after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus with this book. In it he describes the ripple effects of such a monumental event in the lives of people who experience this new life. Luke uses the word "rise" several times, especially at the beginning of the book. It's as if he wants to highlight the importance of the resurrection in his choice of verbs at times.

**Description:** Spring and summer bring signs of new life. Following the winter cold, new life arises with the warmth of these seasons. Many people have experienced this past 12 months as a prolonged winter and wonder what kind of new life will arise. As God's people, this is something we need not wonder, for we know the character of our God! We may not know the exact form it will take but we know that the compassion, grace, slowness to anger, loyal love and faithfulness which raised Jesus from the dead, raises his people to new life and sends us to actively share that new life with the world. For the next several months we are going to explore this "rise and act" theme in the book of Acts and ask God to show us how are to join with him as he arises new life in us and through us, right here in Longview, Texas.