

SMALL GROUP LESSON- WEEK OF APRIL 17, 2022
JOHN 20:1-20

INTRODUCTION:

- How would you, in one sentence, describe the meaning of Easter to a non-Christian?
- What are some of the implications meaningful to you right now because Jesus is risen?

Going Deeper Study Questions:

JOHN 20:1-10

- What do these verses show us about the relationship Jesus had with His followers?
- If you were in this situation, what's the first thing that would go through your mind? What would you do?
- How were Peter and John's responses once they get to the empty tomb different? What does this show about each disciple's personality?

The Bible tells us that John went into the tomb and believed (v. 8). For John, it was that simple—a light bulb moment. A switch was flipped. From that point forward, John firmly believed Jesus was the Son of God. But for Mary and Peter, it wasn't so cut and dry.

- Have you had a light bulb moment in your relationship with Jesus? If so, what happened?
- In your faith journey, have you been more like John, or Mary and Peter?

JOHN 20:11-18

- Why do you think Mary didn't recognize Jesus? Have you ever been in a situation where it was difficult for you know that Jesus was with you?
- Is the fact that Jesus knows you intimately comfortable or uncomfortable for you? Why?
- Because Jesus already knows your past, it means nothing you've done is beyond His ability and willingness to forgive. Do you ever have trouble believing that? Why or why not?

- Is God's grace difficult for you to believe in fully? Is there something from your past that is making it hard for you to believe and trust in the grace of God?

JOHN 20:19-20

- Why do you think Jesus greeted His followers by saying "Peace be with you?"
- Is there any area of life into which you need Jesus to speak peace?
- How does Jesus' resurrection remind us that there is not only forgiveness for our past but also hope for our future?

APPLICATION:

- What situation in your life seems the most hopeless? How do you think Jesus wants to bring hope into that situation?
- How are you going to remind yourself in the middle of that situation that your hope isn't built on circumstances but on the living Jesus?
- Is there anyone in your life right now who needs to hear a word of hope? What is the best way for you to offer that to them this week?

Pray for One Another