



Week of April 12
The Gospel of John: Appeared | John 20:11-23
Pastor George Myers

This weekly tool is designed to help you process and apply God's truth with other brothers and sisters who want to grow in Christ. You might use this in your Life Group, one-on-one over coffee, around the family dinner table, or in a casual small group of friends. The aim is to take God's Word from Sunday morning and bring it into the corners of our lives throughout the week, so that together we might be transformed into people who treasure God and love others.

beyondsunday Reflection & Discussion

Receive the Word

1. Let's read John 20:11-18. What stands out to you in this interaction between Mary, the angels, and Jesus?
2. Read Luke 8:1-3. Between this passage and the one we've read today in John, in what ways did you see Jesus transform Mary's life - before and after his resurrection?
3. Mary announces to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord." Why is that kind of testimony so powerful?
4. Now read John 20:19-23. There were lots of obstacles to stop Mary and the disciples from being close to Jesus - the heavy stone, the empty tomb, fear of the Jews, confusion of what was happening. What are obstacles that prevent us from getting close to Jesus today?

Make the Connection

5. Jesus twice says, "Peace be with you." How is a "Jesus peace" different from any kind of peace the world could offer?
6. Jesus empowers his disciples as he sends them out with the Holy Spirit. Do we view our lives as believers with that same sense of purpose - to be sent out? Why or why not? Why is it difficult for us to share the gospel, even when we *know* it's true?
7. Pastor George emphasized that when someone commits to Jesus transformation happens. Where have you seen that to be true - perhaps in your life, or you have witnessed it in someone else's?

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THINK - Being close to Jesus brings transformation, peace, and power. Which of those do you need the most this week?

PRAY - That God would remove all the barriers that slow us from being close to Jesus.

ACT - You are empowered by Jesus to go with the gospel. Who needs the good news in your circle?