



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *The Dawn After the Darkness*

Text: *John 20:1-18*

Service Date: April 5, 2026

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- What's your favorite Easter memory?
 - What's a strange fear that you have? If nothing strange, what's your biggest fear?
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Sermon Discussion

- What kinds of "dark seasons" do adults commonly face?
- Where have you seen God bring light after a difficult or confusing time?
- Where might God be asking you to trust that *light is coming*, even if you can't see it yet?
- Why is Mary's first conclusion fear and loss rather than resurrection?
- Can you share a time when you later realized your fears were not the full story?
- What helps you slow down before jumping to worst-case conclusions?
- What does Mary's persistence teach us about continuing to seek Jesus even when confused?
- What spiritual habits help you regain direction when life feels disorienting?
- How can intense emotion make us miss what God is doing right in front of us?
- What does Jesus asking, "*Why are you crying?*" reveal about God's heart?
- Why is it significant that Mary recognizes Jesus when He calls her by name? What does this teach us about the personal nature of God?
- How have you experienced God meeting you personally in difficult seasons?
- How does God often turn pain into purpose? What might God want to do through the difficult experiences in your life?

- What good news has God given you that you may be hesitant to share?
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This Week's Action Response

- 1 John 1:6 says, "If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth." What areas of your life are you keeping in the darkness? This week, go to God in prayer and confess your sins and submit to Him in all ways. Let the light of Jesus illuminate the darkness in your life so you might be purified by His blood.

Help Make a Difference

- Looking for ways that your group can serve together? On May 29 and 30, we are in need of 80-120 volunteers for our Help Build Hope Home Build Project in partnership with Crossroads Mission. This is a perfect opportunity for groups and families to serve together. For more information and to register, please visit tri-village.org/homebuild.