



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *Life Over Death*

Service Date(s): March 30-31, 2024

John 20:1-18

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

- If you could meet with anyone who has passed away (in your life or from history), who would you choose and why?

Sermon Discussion

- John 20:1 says, “Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.” What are things that often keep you up at night?
- When hope seems gone, what is your nature instinct (fear, faith, doubt, etc.) and why?
- In John 20:2, notes that Mary ran to Simon Peter in a panic. In John 20:3-6a, Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to find Jesus was not there. We tend to run away from some areas in life and run towards other things we want. What are areas from which you to run away and things you tend to run quickly towards?
- When it comes to following the resurrected Christ, what typically keeps individuals from running/chasing after where He would call and holding back?
- Mary Magdalene was loyal to Jesus before His death and during His crucifixion. However, when she went to the tomb and saw that Jesus wasn't there, she quickly became emotional and most likely doubtful in faith. Just like her, we can become emotional and forget our anchor in the storm. How can we encourage each other to remain strong in our faith even in tough times like death?

- “Jesus can deliver you from a past and invite you in the future with Him.”
 - >How has your faith changed over the years? Are you the same Christian now that you were in high school/college/early marriage, etc.?
 - >Has there been a major event or realization in your life that in which you credit your faith?
- How does the story of Mary Magdalene and the Resurrection encourage you in your faith walk?

Resources

Book- *Unveiling Mary Magdalene* by Liz Curtis Higgs

Book- *Me Too: Experience the God Who Understands* by Jon Weece

Have you or someone in your group experienced a Story of Life Change?

We'd love to hear about it! In fact, one of Tri-Village's values is "Stories of Life Change". Visit tri-village.org/yourstory and share how God worked.