Series *Sermon-based Growth Group Questions*

April 4, 2021
John 20:1-18

Introductory Discussion:

What insight from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Discussion:

1. Women were not allowed to give testimony at trial in ancient Israel. Why is it significant that women were the first to see Jesus and give testimony to it?

2. Why was it significant that the tomb was empty and the shroud was rolled up in the corner?
    a. Why is it important that Jesus rose bodily from the grave?

3. The angels in the tomb seated at each end of where His body was mirrors the Ark of the Covenant. What is the significance of this?
    a. What is the significance of that for us?

4. Jeff shows that the serpent is missing from this new garden. What does the significance of the defeat of the serpent have for our position with the devil?
    a. With sin?
    b. How should this knowledge affect the way we live?

5. Why did Jesus need to ascend to be with the father?
    a. Why is it better for us that He did?

6. Why is it important that we are adopted into being children of God?
    a. How does that change the way we live our lives?

7. Why do you think that Mary didn't recognize Jesus until he called her name?
    a. What does it mean to you to know that Jesus has called you by name?