



Discussion Guide

Ice Breaker: Have you had your golden birthday yet? What special thing did you / would you do to celebrate?

1. Pastor Nate indicated that sometimes “things don’t look like we think they should.” Describe a time this occurred to you. How did you react to the situation? Why do our expectations play such an important role in how we respond to life and its challenges?
2. “There are points in life when we ask the question, ‘what if it’s true?’ and before we fully answer the question, we walk.” Pastor Nate unpacked this idea in regard to Jesus’ life, death and resurrection through the eyes of Mary Magdalene. Read John 20:1-10. How did Mary Magdalene’s response differ from that of the Simon Peter and the disciple whom Jesus loved?
3. What circumstances left you walking before you fully answered if something was true? What was the outcome? How might things have been different if you’d fully answered the question?
4. Continue reading John 20:11-18. What role did trust play in Mary Magdalene’s decision to believe? How has trust influenced your belief in what Jesus has done for you?
5. Looking at verses 17-18, what did Mary do in response to her belief? Is it easy or hard for you to “go and tell?” Why or why not?
6. Pastor Nate encouraged us that “Sit with Me” is an invitation to a conversation about Jesus. Who needs to sit with you this week as we continue this conversation this week?
7. Take time to pray with one another, asking God to help you see opportunities this week to invite someone to sit with you and start the conversation.

Personal Guide

Day 1: Read Psalm 125-126

Day 2: Read Psalm 127-128

Day 3: Read Psalm 129-131

Day 4: Read Psalm 132-133

Day 5: Read Psalm 134-135



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WHAT IF IT'S TRUE?
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“What If It’s True?”

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MESSAGE NOTES

1. Something _____

Things don’t look like we think they should

There are points in life when we ask the question, “what if it’s true?” and before we fully _____ the question, we _____.

2. In the 1st century something _____

A man whose followers thought would be _____, was _____ . (*John 12:12-13, 19; John 19:14b-16*)

Jesus _____ his own death, burial, and _____ ...(*Matthew 16:21 NLT*)

...and _____ it off! (*John 20:1-2; John 20:14-16*)

3. What if it’s _____?

God’s _____ are _____ ours

_____ Him (*John 20:30-31*)

Go and _____ (*John 20:17-18*)

“Sit with Me” is an invitation to conversation:

- Who do you need to sit with this week? _____
- Who do you need to invite back to *this* conversation?

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey. You can also use the connect card to let us know about your commitment, too!



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MESSAGE NOTES

Something happened

Things don’t look like we think they should

There are points in life when we ask the question, “what if it’s true?” and before we fully answer the question, we walk.

In the 1st century something happened

A man whose followers thought would be king, was killed. (John 12:12-13, 19; John 19:14b-16)

Jesus predicted his own death, burial, and resurrection... (Matthew 16:21 NLT)

...and pulled it off! (John 20:1-2; John 20:14-16)

What if it’s True?

God’s expectations are beyond ours

Trust Him (John 20:30-31)

Go and Tell (John 20:17-18)

“Sit with Me” is an invitation to a conversation:

Who do you need to sit with this week? _____

Who do you need to invite back to *this* conversation?