

Bible Study Guide: The Work of Easter – The Spaces We Travel

 Source Transcript:

Big Idea

The resurrection calls us to intentionally live out our faith in the “spaces” we move through daily, using every moment as an opportunity to reflect Christ and impact others.

Theme

Following Jesus is not just about belief—it is about movement, obedience, and how we live and act in the spaces God places us in.

Core Scriptures

John 20:11–18

Mary Magdalene encounters the risen Jesus at the tomb.

Matthew 28:19–20

“Go and make disciples of all nations...”

Introduction: Easter Is a Call to Movement

Easter is not just:

- A celebration
- A moment
- A memory

It is:

Key Insight:

“A call to move, to go, and to live differently in the spaces we travel.”

After the resurrection:

- Jesus appears
- People encounter Him
- Then they are **sent**

Main Point 1: We Are Often Fickle in Our Faith

Explanation

During Holy Week:

- People praised Jesus on Palm Sunday
- Then called for His crucifixion days later

“They were yelling ‘King’... then ‘Crucify Him.’”

Spiritual Truth

We can be:

- Inconsistent
- Selective
- Emotionally driven

Application

- Where is my faith inconsistent?
- When do I follow Jesus only when it’s convenient?

Sticky Quote:

“Faith that depends on feelings will always fluctuate.”

Main Point 2: Darkness Can Cloud Our Ability to Recognize Jesus

Explanation

Mary:

- Walks to the tomb in darkness
- Sees Jesus—but doesn’t recognize Him

Spiritual Insight

Things that block recognition:

- Fear
- Grief
- Pain
- Distraction

“Her fear and pain kept her from recognizing Him.”

Spiritual Truth

We may be:

- Close to Jesus
- Yet unaware of His presence

Application

- What is clouding my ability to see Jesus?
- Am I too focused on my pain to recognize Him?

Sticky Quote:

“Sometimes we don’t see Jesus—not because He’s absent, but because we’re overwhelmed.”

Main Point 3: Jesus Meets Us Personally and Intimately

Explanation

Mary’s response:

- She wants to **hug Jesus**

This reveals:

- Relationship
- Familiarity
- Love

“That’s what families do—they embrace.”

Spiritual Truth

Jesus is:

- Personal
- Relational
- Close

Application

- Do I see Jesus as distant or personal?
- How do I respond to His presence?

Sticky Quote:

“Jesus is not just Lord—He is near.”

Main Point 4: We Are Called to Move—Not Stay

Explanation

Mary wants to stay with Jesus.

But Jesus tells her:

- **Go and tell the disciples**

Spiritual Insight

Like Peter at the Transfiguration:

- We want to stay in spiritual highs

But Jesus calls us to:

- Move
- Go
- Engage

“We don’t stay on the mountaintop—we go back into life.”

Application

- Am I trying to stay in comfort instead of moving in obedience?
- Where is God calling me to go?

Sticky Quote:

“Faith is not about staying—it’s about going.”

Main Point 5: The “Spaces” We Travel Matter

Explanation

“Space” is:

- Where you go
- How you move
- Who you encounter

“Space is how you get from A to Z.”

Spiritual Truth

Every space is:

- An opportunity
- A mission field
- A moment of influence

Examples

- Jesus traveling from heaven to earth
- Jesus going to the cross
- Jesus going to the disciples

Application

- What spaces do I move through daily?
- How am I using them for God’s purpose?

Sticky Quote:

“Your daily movement is your ministry.”

Main Point 6: God Works Powerfully in Dark Spaces

Explanation

Mary's encounter happens:

- In grief
- In confusion
- In darkness

Spiritual Truth

God:

- Brings light into darkness
- Creates life from death

“God works best in your darkest places.”

Application

- Where is God working in my pain?
- How can I trust Him in difficult seasons?

Sticky Quote:

“God does His greatest work in your hardest moments.”

Main Point 7: Small Moments in Our Space Can Change Lives

Explanation

Simple acts:

- Saying hello
- Listening
- Showing care

Can have lasting impact

“It doesn’t have to be perfect—it just has to be you.”

Spiritual Truth

Impact is often:

- Simple
- Personal
- Intentional

Application

- Who can I intentionally engage this week?
- How can I be more present with others?

Sticky Quote:

“Small moments create lasting impact.”

Main Point 8: Where You Go Determines Your Legacy

Explanation

Your “going” reflects:

- Your priorities
- Your heart
- Your obedience

“Where you go will be your legacy.”

Spiritual Truth

Your life is shaped by:

- Your movement
- Your choices
- Your obedience

Application

- What legacy am I building?
- Where am I investing my time and energy?

Sticky Quote:

“Your direction determines your legacy.”

Main Point 9: The Great Commission Is About Movement

Key Scripture: Matthew 28:19

Explanation

Jesus commands:

- **Go**
- Make disciples
- Baptize
- Teach

Spiritual Insight

We are always “going”:

- Through work
- Family
- Daily life

Challenge

The question is:

- Are we going intentionally?

“You are already going—are you going the right way?”

Application

- Am I living missionally in my daily life?
- How can I be more intentional?

Sticky Quote:

“You’re always going—make it count.”

Main Point 10: Be Deliberate in the Easter Season

Explanation

Easter continues:

- Beyond Sunday
- Into daily life

Spiritual Truth

Transformation requires:

- Intentional living
- Ongoing obedience

“Let’s be deliberate about how we live after Easter.”

Application

- What intentional step can I take this week?
- How will I live differently because of Easter?

Sticky Quote:

“Easter is not an event—it’s a lifestyle.”

Discussion Questions

1. Where do you see inconsistency in your faith?
2. What “dark space” are you currently in?
3. How do you experience Jesus personally?
4. What spaces do you travel daily?

5. How can you be more intentional in those spaces?

Practical Application Steps

1. Be Aware of Your Space

- Notice your surroundings and interactions

2. Be Intentional

- Look for opportunities to impact others

3. Be Present

- Listen and engage with people

4. Be Obedient

- Act on what God is prompting you to do

5. Be Missional

- Live as a representative of Christ daily
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Closing Prayer

Father,

Thank You for the power of the resurrection
and the call to live it out daily.

Help us to be aware of the spaces we travel,
to move with intention,
and to reflect Your love in every moment.

Teach us to be obedient,
to serve others,
and to live as Your witnesses.

Let our lives point others to Jesus.

In His name, Amen.

Final Takeaway

Every space you step into is an opportunity—live it with purpose, because your movement reflects your faith.