



Let's Talk:

Do you know the meaning of your name? Do you like the meaning of your name? Explain.

Let's Study:

What did we learn about the misconceptions we have of Mary Magdalene from the sermon this week? Discuss how we can learn to view one another through God's lens rather than the labels we often place upon each other.

Mary is someone that was largely looked down upon in society, and yet after the resurrection Jesus trusts her to be the first to tell others about Him. What does this say about how Jesus views women in particular? About all of us?

An important part of Mary's story is freedom from the demonic. Read Luke 8:2, Luke 4:33-36, and Luke 11: 17-20. Discuss Jesus' authority over the demonic.

Read the first part of the Great Commission, in Mark 16:17a.
Does this scare you, make you full of anticipation?

Let's Apply:

Pastor Angela said: "One blogger wrote, 'Freedom is the cry of every man and woman, boy and girl.' But what kind of freedom are we crying out for?... Freedom is not what our culture tells us it is. Freedom is not my deciding, from the urges and longings of my sinful nature, to do what I want to do, when I want to do it, how I want to do it, with whom I want to do it." Read 2 Corinthians 3:17. What steps can we take to live in the true freedom Christ called us to and how does gratitude tie into this?

Mary accompanies Jesus and the twelve apostles after having demons cast out of her. She is present at the crucifixion, and the first to see Him after the resurrection. Think about how Jesus' work in her life translated into faithfulness on her part. Is there anything that Jesus has done in your life that has built faith in you?

Let's Pray:

Pray that believers in our church will remember what Jesus has done for them and live lives of faithfulness in response to Him - that each of us will live in freedom of Christ - free from sin, shame and guilt. Pray that those that our society looks down upon would come to church and come to faith in Christ.