The Great Reversal – Part 4

Personalized Hope by Pastor Rick – 4/18/21

Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 12:9, John 20:11-18; John 20:24-29

OPENING: What stands out to you from Pastor Rick's message?

Bible Study Questions:

- 1. Pastor Omar shared last week: "We ought to view our weaknesses as the tool that God will use to advance His kingdom and the tool He will use to bring renewal to our lives." How is this message series helping you understand the Great Reversal in God's kingdom? Share any observations from this past week as you surrendered your weaknesses.
- 2. Do you resonate more with the story and experiences of Mary Magdalene or Thomas? Why?
- 3. Consider Mary Magdalene's role earlier in Jesus' ministry (Luke 8:2-3, John 19:25, and Luke 23:50-24:10). How do these stories 'fit' with the events in John 20:1-18?
- 4. What could be some reasons why the resurrected Christ told Mary Magdalene to not hold on to him?
- 5. Jesus is the same today as he was when calling Mary's name (<u>John 20:16</u>). Does this help you grasp how personal He is with those he loves? Can you hear when Jesus calls your name (<u>John 10:27</u>)?
- 6. Spend time praying for those who doubt Jesus' resurrection power today. Look at 1 Peter 3:15 and share one way you can bring hope to the lost.
- 7. Both Mary and Thomas received the love of Jesus and personalized it. What about you? Share how you are personalizing today what Jesus has done for you. Where does His Good News need to intersect with your thinking and your life?

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