

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who is the person you know whom God has changed in the most radical way? What impact has witnessing that changed life had upon your walk with God?
2. Read Luke 8:1-3. How hesitant would you be to become involved in the life of someone who was possessed by seven demons (if you can even imagine what that would be like)?
3. Describe what Mary Magdalene's life transformation must have been like. What has been the most transformative experience you have had from the Lord's work in your life?



Why Jesus? – Mary Magdalene

John 20:11-18

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NOTE: The Lord knew the evil Mary would experience and that she would commit in her life. Yet God was in control and working in her life the whole time. Jesus delivered her from being possessed by seven demons, afterward she followed Jesus faithfully, only to experience great grief as she witnessed the death and burial of Jesus.

4. Read John 19:25. What does this verse speak of Mary's commitment to Jesus? What would it have been like for her to witness the torturous death and burial of Jesus?
5. Why would God allow such extreme struggle and pain for Mary if he loved her so much? How have you questioned God's love for you after experiencing pain and struggle?
6. Read John 20:11-13. Why did Mary want to know where Jesus' body was? How would you feel if the body of your loved one was missing from the grave?
7. Why were the words of the angels not, "Do not be afraid," which was often the first words angels spoke to those to whom they were sent? Why was Mary not fearful of the angels?
8. Read John 20:14-16. Why did she not recognize Jesus? Why did Jesus ask Mary questions he already knew the answers to?
9. What do you sense Jesus' tone of voice was when he said, "Mary"? What comfort and encouragement does it bring you to know that the Lord knows your name (Isaiah 43:1)?
10. Read John 20:17-18. How special would you feel if you were Mary as the first person to see the risen Jesus and to be the first to proclaim it to others?
11. Whom does God want you to share with about the risen Christ? Pray for that person today!