

Take Away – Who are you Seeking?

Text: John 20: 11 – 18

Date: 4-17-22



With your group...

Answer each of the following questions prompted by the text and/or today's sermon.

1. Blaise Pascal, a famous mathematician from the 1600's is quoted as saying: "There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of each man which cannot be satisfied by any created thing but only by God the Creator, made know through Jesus Christ." What truths did this Christian mathematician and scientist recognize and realize about God and our relationship to Him?
2. What does it mean to "seek"? What are the proper and improper ways for a Christian to "seek" God?
3. Why have many in our secular culture stopped seeking God? Who or what have they turned to seeking instead of God?
4. React to: "When the disciples learn of Jesus' resurrection, they don't shout in the streets because they are afraid of the Jews. They are afraid of the spreading rumor, being caught and convicted to death just like Jesus so they go back and hide out in a locked room."
5. Why is it true that we can't "find God"? Why does He have to "look for and find us"?
6. The angels at Jesus' tomb had questions, advice, and instructions for the women including:
 - "Why are you crying?"
 - "Do not be afraid." and "Don't be alarmed."
 - "Come and see the place where He lay."
 - "Go quickly and tell His disciples"
 - "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!"

Why were each of these meant to do for them? Go through them one-by-one and discuss.

7. Many places in the book of John during Jesus life He refers to God the Father as "My Father" or "Him who sent Me".
 - a. Read John 8:42 – 44 and explain who Jesus says who the father is of those who don't love Him.
 - b. Read John 20: 17. How does Jesus refer to the Father after His death and resurrection and what is the extreme significance of this change?