



When Jesus Asks You: Do you see this woman?

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Take some time to look up and read out loud together: John 20:1-18

1. How many times did Mary come to the tomb that morning and what was different about each time?
2. What was the state of the burial clothes that had been on Jesus' body as described by this passage?

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

How do the scriptures connect to everyday life.

3. When first Mary came to the tomb and saw its stone rolled away it must have been an insult to the grief she was already feeling. Grief has a painful way of expanding when we don't expect it. In what ways does grief show up in your life?
4. Pastor Brandon, in this week's sermon, made the connection that there was real tension between Mary's faith in what Jesus had said, and the grief she was currently feeling. How does walking in grief pull a tension on what we believe to be true?
5. When Jesus appeared to Mary she was so caught up in grief that she couldn't even see that it was Jesus in front of her. How does our trauma, grief, and hurt blind us to the reality of what God is doing for us and in us right now?
6. Jesus' words to Mary have such tremendous weight, "But go to my brothers and tell them that I am ascending to *my Father* and *your Father*, to *my God* and *your God*." (*Emphasis added*) In what ways does this communicate how the Gospel forms our response to times of grief?

Surrender: *Responding to God's voice.*

7. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We're here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your life group!
Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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