

FIRST BAPTISTCHURCH ASHLAND

Discipleship Guide Who Are You Looking For? John 20

This guide was created to help you engage with the message and create deeper engagement with our worship services. Each week this guide will encourage you to reflect on two primary questions using the framework of Up (with God), In (with church) and Out (with neighbors). As we use this guide to reflect on the scriptures and your relationship with God, each other and your neighbors, consider pausing for a moment in quiet before jumping into the questions.

Weekly Questions:

- How is God getting my attention? For help, think about these areas:
 - How are you living up with God?
 - How are you living in community with other followers of Jesus?
 - How are you living out on mission with your neighbors?
- What are you going to do about it?

John 20:1-18

There is a lot of running happening in this Easter story! Peter gets outpaced by "the other disciple". Mary runs to tell people good news.

- Where are you running in your life? Where do you pick up the pace and move with intention in your relationships?
- What do you think about Peter running to the tomb after denying Jesus in his time of need? Where would you run if you were in Peter's shoes?

The person you are looking for often determines what you will find. Anne Lamott says: "You can safely assume you've created God in your own image when it turns out that God hates all the same people you do."

- Who do you look for to find hope? Where does Jesus fit into this vision of what is good?
- Who are you looking for in your life?
- What do we learn about Jesus that our sin can't keep him in the tomb?

Mary has spent time talking to Jesus but doesn't see that it is Jesus. Sometimes we are on a journey from sight to faith.

• Can you describe a time when you could hear Jesus calling your name? What does that look like today...to hear Jesus' voice?

For our kids (and adults too!):

Who are you looking for in life to give you hope, joy, and purpose?

After reflection, what are you going to do about what you learned this week?