

RESURRECTION!

Opening Announcements

Opening Prayer

Q: What happens emotionally when you lose someone you love? How is that often expressed?

Q: How does grieving help us and open our eyes to the reality of our situation and what's important?

Table Time: At your table read and discuss the following...

READ: John 20:1-10 "Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes."

Q: What stands out to you in this account?

Q: Why do you think John includes the details he does?

Q: According to verse 1, what "day" did this reading occur on? How does that help us understand Christian worship tradition? What's "Sunday" supposed to be focused on?

Side Note: LENT, is a 40 day tradition. Why are Sunday's traditionally left out of the practices/disciplines of "giving up"? How might NOT observing fasting from _____ enhance the impact on the days where you DO "give up" something?

Q: What's interesting about verse 9?

Q: What did the disciples need in order to "understand the Scripture"? How are we the same?

Big Group Debrief...

READ: John 20:11-18 "But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' " ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her."

Q: What sticks out to you in THIS encounter?

Q: What's interesting about Mary's answer to the angels?

Q: Why do you think Mary, was unable to recognize Jesus?

Q: What's interesting/significant about verse 16?

Q: Why does Jesus tell her NOT to "cling to Him"?

Q: What is Jesus' command to Mary at the end of verse 17 AND...what is SUPER significant about what Jesus says?

Q: How is Mary's announcement....very much like what Jesus would say to the disciples (and us) in Matthew 28:19-20?

Q: How should the resurrection of Jesus impact OUR life? In what ways in our situation similar to the disciples on that morning?

Q: What does Jesus teach US to do because of the resurrection?

HOMEWORK: Consider what you might "give up" for Lent. What will you "add".