

Sermon Discussion Guide

Come and See: Week 3

Icebreaker Question

- What's your favorite Easter-themed candy/treat?

Prayer

Take a few moments at the beginning and end of your group time to pray for each other and for your discussion in God's Word.

Read

John 20:11-18

Main Ideas

This week, we continued in our Come and See series by examining Mary Magdalene encountering Jesus. In Mary, we see someone who has experienced Jesus' transformative power, and experiences the comfort and hope of the resurrection.

In speaking Mary's name, Jesus invites her back into His story, and commissions her to be the first person to ever proclaim that Jesus is risen.

Discussion Questions

1. What is the significance of Jesus appearing to Mary in her grief?
 - a. Have moments of grief brought you closer to God, or have they felt more like a wedge in your relationship?
2. Why do you think Mary failed to recognize Jesus?
 - a. Has there ever been a time where you didn't recognize what God was doing until later?
3. How do we understand Jesus' words in v. 17- "Do not hold on to me"? What was Jesus communicating through these words?
4. What is the significance of Mary being the first person to proclaim the Gospel message?
 - a. What does it teach us about what God values in His Kingdom?
 - b. What does it teach us about our own responsibility in His Kingdom?