

Life Application Questions

Consider the following sermon-based questions for your individual study or with a group of folks like one of the several Life Groups available at Chilson Hills.

Foundational Scripture

John 20:1-18

Featured Scripture Reflection

*“Mary Magdalene went to the other disciples with the news: ‘I have seen the Lord!’”
(John 20:18, NIV)*

Opening Icebreaker

When something upsets you, who is the first person you tell?

Scripture Questions

What is the scripture saying?

- After witnessing Jesus’ tortured death on the cross two days before, what is Mary’s emotional state as she comes to the tomb?
- What are some reasons you can think of for Mary to be at the tomb early in the morning?
- When Mary realizes the body is gone, what does she think has happened? Is she logical at this point?
- The men left the empty tomb, but Mary stayed behind, what is going on with each of the persons involved in this early morning event?

How is your life touched?

- Mary is lost in very deep grief. Can you connect with her in this emotional state? Share a time when you, like Mary, were lost in grief.
- What difference does it make to you if Mary is just talking to the gardener?
- Jesus is alive, but Mary cannot imagine his being with her. What do you think is keeping her from seeing Jesus?
- The resurrection is God’s gift to you. How do you experience God’s resurrection power?
- How do you experience God’s resurrection hope in your life?
- What does it mean to you to have a ‘resurrection identity’?

What is God’s invitation to you?

- The resurrection of Jesus is a dramatic way God changes all of life on Planet Earth. Prior to Jesus’ resurrection, the sin of Adam and Eve ruled the earth. With Jesus’ resurrection, new hope exists for all of us. Who can you share resurrection hope with this week?

What can you pray for?

Pray that Chilson Hills will be a joyous Community of God’s incredible resurrection power celebrating Jesus Christ’s transforming hope and love in our lives and in our community.