

Finding Grace in an Empty Tomb

Sermon Based Life Group study for the week of April 16

Getting To Know Each Other

- When something upsets you, who is the first person you tell?
- Have you ever mistook someone for the wrong person? Did you have a conversation? When did you discover you were wrong?

Into the Bible

Read John 20:1-9

- Why did Mary go to the tomb so early? See Luke 24:1.
- Besides other women, who else was at the tomb? See Matthew 28:4.
- What was her reaction when she saw the tomb had been disturbed?
- What was Peter and John's reaction when they heard the tomb was empty?
- Why did they run to the tomb?
- What happened when they saw the empty tomb and the folded grave clothes?

- Application: Who is the person you "run" to when problems or tragedy comes?
- Application: What made you believe that Jesus rose from the dead?

Read John 20:10-18

- Why is Mary confused? Why would she think Jesus was a gardener?
- What breaks through to Mary's grief and confusion?
- Why does Jesus tell Mary not to hold onto him? What does Jesus' words mean?
- Who was the first person to tell others about the resurrection? What can we learn about who God uses?

- Application: When have you heard Jesus' voice?
- Application: How are you obeying the command that Jesus gave to Mary in verse 17?

Read John 20:19-31

- Why did the disciples lock the door?
- What was Jesus' words to them?
- Why would Thomas doubt, even when his friends all believed?
- What did it take for Thomas to believe?
- What was his response to Jesus?

- Application: Where could you use Jesus' peace right now?
- Application: What doubts sometimes creep into you mind?
- Application: When did you first declare that Jesus is your "Lord and God"?

Prayer – Be in prayer for each member of your group.