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John 20:11–18

This Changes Everything: The Hope of Encountering Life Himself

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SUMMARY

The Gospel is the miraculous story of God reconciling us to Himself through the accepted payment of Jesus Christ. We know we are forgiven because of the resurrection of Jesus. When we place our faith in Him, we are given hope for the fear we face and joy that surpasses sorrow.

REFERENCES

- [ ] Hebrews 1:3
- [ ] 1 Corinthians 15:4–8
- [ ] Hebrews 4:15–16

INTRODUCTION

Read John 20:11–18. What do you see? What stands out?

DISCUSSION

- [ ] Josh talked about a connection between the resurrection and our sorrows. What are some of the things that people cry about? How might the resurrection make a real difference?
- [ ] Jesus asks Mary why she is crying and then He asks her, who she is seeking. In what ways do you see these are real, meaningful, and helpful questions for her, and for us?
- [ ] Read Luke 8:1–3. We see Mary is distraught. Who did she know Jesus to be and what had He done for her? Who is most likely to be distraught when Jesus feels distant or remote or even lost?
- [ ] Read Daniel 7:9. We will one day see the resurrected Jesus. How does this picture in Daniel differ from what we see in the Gospels? What do you imagine that day, seeing Jesus, will be like? How might it be good to look forward to that day? How might that make a difference today?
- [ ] Read Song of Solomon 3:2–3. In what ways does a heart of affection, longing, and love for Jesus change our affections for other things of this world?
- [ ] Read Romans 8:35-39. How does assurance like this calm our sorrows today? Share some of the things that this might apply to—what have you been sorrowful about?

THIS WEEK:

- [ ] Write down ten things I am fearful of and then write a Bible verse that counteracts that fear.
- [ ] Tell another person about my joy in the Lord that comes from knowing Christ has risen from the dead.
- [ ] Pray for a greater sense of hope for me and those around me.
- [ ] Memorize Hebrews 1:3.