



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

April 1, 2018 – John 20:1-31 – “Sent by the Risen King”

QUESTIONS

(*potential* discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

1. Ice Breaker: When was a time when you received some unexpected good news? How did you react?
2. Modern skepticism leads many to doubt the truthfulness of the resurrection. What are some of the reasons skeptics give? How does John present a trustworthy account of Jesus' resurrection?
3. Mary Magdalene shows us that anyone can be an evangelist (women were marginalized, and she had been demon-possessed). Do you sometimes think you aren't capable of faithfully evangelizing? Why?
4. Jesus' resurrection shows that he brings new life, not advice for self-improvement or any other man-made religion? What false ideas can we sometimes believe about what Christianity is "about"? How do these ideas ignore or downplay the resurrection?
5. Tony mentioned that Jesus offers us a new family? Why is this an important part of the gospel message? What are some practical ways we can live out this reality as a church? As a GG?
6. Jesus calls his disciples to live like he did—as a missionary in the world. What is one specific way you can live as a missionary?
7. Are there specific people in your life we can be praying for as a GG that you would like to see come to know Christ?
8. What is the Holy Spirit's role(s) in evangelism?
9. Tony talked about several reasons why people (like Thomas) might doubt the truth of the gospel. [Some doubt...
(1) is grounded in one's moral preferences and desires;
(2) stems from a thousand of small choices over time;
(3) is triggered by confrontation with others;
(4) is the result of ignorance;
(5) is the result of massive religious disappointment]
Which of these can you most identify with? How have you responded to any doubts you have had? How does Thomas respond?
10. How can we make confession (like Thomas's) a regular part of our walk with the Christ?