



Sermon Discussion Guide

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MATTHEW 27:57-61; JOHN 20:10-18

ACCEPT

- What unique qualities do we bring to the table that strengthen our team or group? How does the team in turn strengthen how we use these gifts?

ENCOURAGE

“But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.”

Isaiah 65:18-19

- What were the positive, encouraging experiences people saw this week? Where might God have been in those situations?
- What were some of the difficult situations or experiences of the week? Where might God have been during those times?

Share Scriptural words of encouragement with each other based on how you have been praying for each other this week.

TEACH

Teaching Summary ([Click here for a brief sermon summary video](#))

If we love God, we obey God; and when we think of obedience, we usually think of action. But what if the call to obey is a call to wait? Our productivity culture has a bias toward action: *we plan, we prepare, and we execute*. But obedience is often a call to patiently wait on God to work and we get to witness and evangelize. Mary Magdalene helps us to see what it means to actively wait for God because we love God.

Review Questions

1. How do I measure success? Are these quality benchmarks?
2. How am I staying close to Jesus? What practices are helping me stay available to God’s revelation?
3. What are ways I can be faithful in times of waiting?
4. To whom is God leading me to share testimony of how God is working in my life?

Transformation Questions

1. What do you think God is saying to you?
2. What is keeping you from doing this?
3. If you were to do it, what might be a good first step?
4. Who will you tell? Or who will you ask to help you?

REFLECT AND CORRECT

- When was the last time we asked forgiveness from another person? Set a goal with your group to seek forgiveness from those individuals this week.

SERVE

- Be intentional in learning more about a member of your organization or group this week and be a good listener. Ask open-ended questions. What motivates, excites, or exhausts them?

PRAY

Here is a guided prayer based on Psalm 130. The leader can start and people in the group can finish each sentence.

“I am counting on the LORD; yes, I am counting on him.”

(give people a moment to be silent and listen)

- “Hear my cry, O LORD. I am crying to you in the depths of despair because...”
- “LORD, how can we stand before you with our sins? God, I need forgiveness for...”
- “I long for your hope, LORD. Help me see your hope in...”
- “Your redemption overflows for your creation. Lord, we want to see your redemption in...”

“I hope in the LORD, for with the LORD there is unfailing love.”

Amen.

*Share ways you can pray for each other over the coming week.
Spend time praying with each other now, listening to God for ways to pray.*