

## HIS FATHER, YOUR FATHER

Easter Sunday // April 21, 2019

### BLINDED IN A FOG

Mary Magdalene was so distraught over the present reality of Christ being dead that she couldn't see the bigger picture. Jesus was in her midst, but she didn't recognize Him, until He said her name. Often, we are consumed with the difficult stresses and realities of life, and it is difficult to see God in the midst. But when He speaks your name, do you hear His voice? Or is He just a distant, almost mythological character in an old book?

John 20.1-16 // Romans 3.23 // Isaiah 59.2

A simple belief that He existed can't save us. When we realize that we have all broken His Law, it ought to cause pause for us to consider what must be done to make things right. The bad news is that there is no way we can repay God for what we have done.

### THE GOOD NEWS

The Good News is that because of His love, He came up with a plan, knowing we would be unable. He Himself would become a Man and stand in our place, living up to the standard necessary to purchase forgiveness for us.

John 3.16-18 // John 20.17-18

**Jesus has made it possible for you to call God your Father.  
He adopts you into His family and leaves nothing left for you to  
do to secure your salvation.**

### HOPE FOR YOU

Don't have a false hope. Don't trust in your ability to appease Him by the bribery of your good deeds, you will not be able to fool Him. Jesus said, "you must be born again" (**John 3.3**). And amazingly, He says that "whoever comes to Me, I will never cast out" (**John 6.37**).

**I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me,  
though he die, yet shall he live.**

- Jesus, John 11.25

**A:** Admit you have sinned against Him and deserve His punishment.

**B:** Believe that Jesus truly is God, sent to stand in your place and save you.

**C:** Confess that He is the Lord, repenting from sin and turning to Him.

## NOTES:

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

**Hebrews 4:16**

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.



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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **John 20.1-22**. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

### Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

The past week always proves to be a spiritual roller coaster. From the sadness of Good Friday, to the celebration of Easter Sunday, what aspects of this past week most deepen and enliven your passion for the Gospel?

### Repent and Ask for Provision

For Christians, every day should be "Good Friday" and "Easter Sunday." But the reality, like for Mary Magdalene, is that every day life's stresses, tensions, and circumstances cloud our perspective. What might you ask God for to help you better take hold of your heart and mind each day to cause you to have a more Christ-centered habit of daily life?

### Your Life Mission

Each of us have been created to glorify God, and one way He does this is by saving us, equipping us, and sending us out into the specific life that He has designed for us.

What conversations or social settings with others are coming up that you could use prayer for? Or which people in your life do you think you should reach out to for coffee or to hang out? How can your group be praying for the people in your life that you love and care for?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



**LIFE MISSION**  
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**MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,  
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.**



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