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Mary Magdalene

“Standing near the cross were Jesus’ mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary (the wife of Clopas), and Mary Magdalene.”
John 19:25

What Mary Magdalene Teaches Us About Following Jesus

She allowed God to restore her broken life

“Soon afterward Jesus began a tour of the nearby towns and villages, preaching and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom of God. He took his twelve disciples with him, along with some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases. Among them were Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons...”
Luke 8:1-2

1. Her _____

She gave all she had to follow Jesus

“Among them were Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons; Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod’s business manager; Susanna; and many others who were contributing from their own resources to support Jesus and his disciples.”
Luke 8:2-3

The Devoted Disciple

3. Her _____

She couldn’t keep quiet about her encounter with Jesus

“After Jesus rose from the dead early on Sunday morning, the first person who saw him was Mary Magdalene, the woman from whom he had cast out seven demons. She went to the disciples, who were grieving and weeping, and told them what had happened.”
Mark 16:9-10

MEMORY VERSE

“You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.”
Jeremiah 29:13

MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Commit my life to Jesus Christ for the first time
- Memorize Jeremiah 29:13
- Request information about one of ERBC’s summer mission trips
- Make the ‘missionary move’ and celebrate Easter at ERBC on Saturday
- Pray for and invite someone to celebrate Easter at ERBC
- Get the most out of today’s message by attending my life group this week.



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Discussion Questions - Week #9

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend “The Devoted Disciple,” in a sentence or two summarize the main point.

Looking back at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

GETTING STARTED

1. If you could wave a magic wand and transform one thing in your life today, what would it be?

2. Why do you think so many people in America find the topic of transformation or change so appealing, and yet find their lives change so little?

DIGGING DEEPER

3. Read Colossians 3:1-14. According to this passage, what is our part in the process of transformation?

What is God's role?

What do you think it means to put to death the earthly things in your life?

How do we go about clothing ourselves with the things we see listed in v. 12-14?

4. Read Luke 8:26-39. What stands out to you most in this story?

How would you have felt being in the disciples' shoes witnessing this scene?

How does the process of transformation in this passage seem to differ from what we read about in question #3?

Why do you think Jesus didn't allow the restored man to travel with them?

How could this passage serve as an encouragement to you?

5. Read Exodus 25:1-8 and 31:1-11. Who did God fill with his spirit?

Is there anything surprising to you about that?

What different gifts or talents can you identify in this passage?

How did the exercise of each individual's gift contribute to the Israelites' worship of God?

What gift or gifts has God given you to use in his service and how are you currently using them?

Are there any gifts you're not using but would like to begin doing so?

TAKING IT HOME

6. What is one thing you can commit to doing this week to open yourself more to the transformation God wants to bring in your life?

7. How can the group be praying for you over the next several weeks as our groups are taking a break?

PRAYER REQUESTS