

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: BELIEVE

Message: God's Power Displayed

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Memory Verse: John 13:34-35 NIV

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word and lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: Jesus displayed His power through His resurrection from the dead.

Read John 20:1-31

1. Mary Magdalene finds the stone rolled away and the tomb empty (v 1). What thoughts or emotions might Mary have experienced upon finding the empty tomb? When have you experienced confusion or grief before discovering God's greater plan at work? What does the empty tomb mean to you personally?
2. John saw and believed, even though the disciples did not yet understand that Jesus must rise from the dead (vv 8-9). When has God grown your faith even before you had all the answers? How can we support others on their faith journey, even if we don't have all the answers ourselves?
3. Jesus personally reveals Himself to Mary in her grief by calling her name (v 16). When has Jesus met you in a personal way? How can the way we respond in grief be a reflection of our faith?
4. Just as Jesus was sent by the Father, He now sends us to share the Good News (v 21). Do you view yourself as one who is sent with a mission from Jesus? Why or why not? If not, what are some barriers that keep you from



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sharing with others? What would help you have courage to speak about Him?

5. Thomas doubts until he sees Jesus for himself (vv. 24–29). When have you wrestled with doubt in your faith? What helped you move forward? Why do you think some people insist on proof before believing?
6. Jesus says, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed” (v 29). Do you think belief in Jesus is more difficult for us today or for His contemporaries? What helped you move from a place of unbelief to belief? How can you use your experience to help others believe?
7. Jesus did so many other signs that are not recorded (v 30; 21:25). When sharing about Jesus with others who are not believers, what do you share and what do you leave out? What themes has John presented about Jesus that we can share with others?
8. The purpose of John’s Gospel is so that we might believe and have life in His name (v 31). How would you describe the difference between believing in Jesus versus simply knowing about Jesus? What from this Gospel has increased your belief in Jesus?



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