

# April 12 Discussion Questions

## “The King of Kings”

### John 20:1-18

#### **Review**

The resurrection changes everything.

The Risen Christ transforms:

1. Our confusion into clarity (v. 1,2,9,13-14)
2. Our despair into delight (v. 11,13,15-16,18)
3. Our scrambling into service (v. 2,4,10,21)

#### **Connect**

1. What is an invention that has greatly changed your life? How would your life change if you had to live without it?
2. Why is the resurrection of Jesus supposed to change everything for a Christian?
3. The Apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 15:19, *“If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.”* Why would this be the case?

#### **Read John 20:1-18**

#### **Discuss**

4. What was the state of the disciples before the rising of the sun on Easter Sunday? Why didn't they understand?
5. Who was the first to witness the stone had been rolled away from the tomb? What do we learn about her from Luke 8:1-3? Why do you think God chose to reveal the resurrection first to her?
6. Jesus' resurrection turned Mary's grief into joy. Christians, like everyone, still grieve today over personal tragedies. But in what way should the grief of a Christian be different?
7. Why is the resurrection of Jesus so important?
8. Why would the resurrection be a worthwhile thing to communicate to an unbeliever?
9. Can you think of any apologetic arguments that prove the legitimacy of the resurrection?

## **Apply**

10. "Since we have clarity around the resurrection, it's okay for us to have confusion with what's happening in the world right now." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
11. Jesus asked Mary Magdalene, "Whom are you seeking?" Jesus asks us the same question today. To what degree are you seeking the Lord in this pandemic season? Has it heightened your inquiry of the king? How so?
12. We see Peter and John scrambling upon arrival at Jesus' tomb, uncertain of what happened. Do you find yourself scrambling during this season? Do you think your scrambling results from a lack of certainty about Jesus' resurrection? Why or why not?
13. Jesus' resurrection brings us rest. Have you been able to find rest recently? What does resting in Jesus look like amidst a restless day of work?

## **Pray**

14. Pray that the reality of Jesus' resurrection would find its way into every part of your life, causing contentment, hope, and joy to spring from our heart at all times.

### **Prayer Team Prayer Focus for April 12th**

**Personal:** Pray for opportunities to share with others that Jesus rose from the dead and is KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS. *On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.*

Revelation 19:16

**Ministry:** Pray for our pastoral staff, elders and deacons as they continue to lead our church family during this crisis.