

Community Group Discussion Questions - Easter Sunday

Question 1:

Jesus chose Mary Magdalene as the first witness to the resurrection — someone who was culturally disqualified, emotionally overwhelmed, and legally inadmissible as a witness. What does it say about Jesus that he consistently works through the people the world considers unqualified rather than around them? And where in your own life do you assume your particular weaknesses, history, or social location disqualify you from being used by God?

Question 2:

When Jesus appears to Mary he doesn't announce himself — he says her name. She recognizes him not through an argument or evidence but through being personally known and called. Is there a difference between believing in the resurrection as a historical fact and hearing Jesus call your name? What would it look like in your daily life to move from one to the other?

Question 3.

On trust preceding understanding:

John believed before he fully understood — and we do this constantly in everyday life. Where in your own life have you found yourself trusting something or someone before you fully understood? What made that trust possible, and how does that compare to where you are with the resurrection?

Question 4

On wanting and believing:

The sermon suggested that sometimes we don't believe something not because the evidence is lacking, but because we don't want it to be true. Is there any part of the Christian story that you find yourself resisting — and if so, is that resistance more intellectual or more personal?