



Easter Sunday — Where in the World is God?

The expectations that we have can powerfully shape our perspective. And whether we know it or not we all approach our lives, the world, and God with a set of expectations. Easter challenges us to rethink everything that we might expect in a dynamic new way!

Scripture: John 20:11-18

Discussion Questions

1. Easter Sunday starts with the harsh reality of death and disappointment. What are some of the things that cause the most disappointment or leave you lacking hope?
2. Read the story of the resurrection in John 20:1-18.
What do you think were some of the expectations that Mary (and the other disciples) had when they went to the tomb? What are some of the expectations that you have about who God is and what God can or can't do?
3. Are there ways that the Easter story challenges your idea of what God could do in (a) your life, (b) the lives of people around you, and (c) the unfolding history of the world?
4. How does the resurrection of Jesus provide us with hope?
5. Read Colossians 1:15-20. Try to unpack as much as you can from this passage about who Jesus is and what his role is in impacting the world.
6. If the resurrection is true, then Easter is the hope of the entire world. God has declared Jesus the victor over sin and death. One of the ways we respond to this is by living lives of celebration for all that God has done and continues to do to renew and recreate the world. What are some practical ways that you can incorporate celebration into your life?

Moving Forward

How can your group plan a way to celebrate together in a meaningful and joyful way?