

AFTER LIFE

WEEK 2

APRIL 3 + 6, 2022



LEADER PREP

MAIN POINT

Because of the resurrection, Mary knew she mattered.

SCRIPTURE

John 20:11-18

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

For students to see the resurrection as concrete proof that they matter and others matter; and help them translate that into actions.

THINK ABOUT THIS

When students think about “mattering,” it may not be a mind-blowing statement in today’s culture. However, that doesn’t always translate into how they treat themselves and others. Help them think critically about whether their actions show that they value themselves and others.

EASTER CHALLENGE: COME SIT WITH US

Your invite shows others they matter. Who are you inviting to sit with you and your family? Encourage your students to start talking to their families about this too!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE CHECK IN

- How was everyone’s week? Share Highs & Lows.
- Someone recap the main point of the message.
- What is some of the most amazing news someone has ever told you?
- How does it feel to be the first person someone tells their amazingly good news to?
- How can you tell someone matters to someone else?
- Do you think most high schoolers feel like they matter to God?

THE WORD

- Have someone READ John 20:11-18 out loud. As they read, everyone imagine you are Mary. What emotions would you feel?
- Jesus chose Mary to be the first one He appeared to after the resurrection, trusting her with the news of Him coming back to life and to be the one to tell the other disciples. How do you think Mary felt to be trusted with this news?
- How can we know we matter to God?

APPLICATION

- The way we treat others often influences what people think God feels about them. What’s one thing you can do this week to treat others like they matter to God?
- Who in your life needs to know they matter to God?
- Who can your family invite to sit with you at Easter? Anyone invited anyone yet? How did that go?

COMMUNITY BUILD

- How can we connect outside of small group time and have fun together?

PRAY

We are going to close in prayer.

What prayer requests do y'all have?

John 20:11-18 NIV

"Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb *12* and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

13 They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him."

14 At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

15 He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

16 Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

17 Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her."

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