

EPHESIANS

Week of March 31st

DISCUSSION AND STUDY

ICE BREAKER QUESTION – Do you have any family traditions that you look forward to each year?

SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION AND STUDY

INTRO – In this passage, John writes about the aftermath of Jesus' crucifixion and burial - the empty tomb, the risen Jesus' encounter with Mary Magdalene, Jesus' appearances to His disciples and their commissioning.

READ – Briefly summarize John 20:1-31

QUESTION – For what reason did Mary Magdalene go to Jesus' tomb so early in the morning? What was she expecting to see? What did she initially think happened to Jesus' body?

QUESTION – What was Peter and John's reaction to Mary's news in verses 3-6? What did they see in the tomb? What was John's reaction after seeing the empty tomb and linen clothes?

QUESTION – What did Jesus do to cause Mary to recognize Him? What did Jesus tell her to go do? How does this relate to a believer's journey of faith?

QUESTION – Jesus then appears to the disciples in verses 19-23. What did Jesus say to them first? What significance do you see in Jesus repeating this greeting, especially considering His subsequent statement in verse 21 and the bestowing of the Holy Spirit in verse 22?

QUESTION – What evidence did Jesus show the disciples that His physical body was resurrected (see Luke 24:40-43, Acts 1:3, 1 Corinthians 15:3-8)? Why is this evidence so important (see 1 Corinthians 15:14)?

QUESTION – Jesus appears to Thomas in verses 24-28. What convinced Thomas that Jesus was risen from the dead and is God? Do you relate to Thomas' doubts? What can we do when we experience questions and/or doubts?

QUESTION – According to verses 30-31, what was John's ultimate purpose for everything he wrote?

Close in Prayer

Here ye! Here ye!

Our youth group is looking for volunteers next fall. We are looking for people who want to show Christ's love to teenagers and are willing to have fun. The time commitment is Sundays from about 5:45-8:00. If you are interested in volunteering or know someone who would be interested, please contact Noah Youngberg (noah@hccvermillion.com)