

“Witnesses of the Resurrection”

John 20:11-23

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Sorrows are turned to hope and peace in light of the resurrection.

1. SORROW BLINDS YOU TO HOPE (v. 11-18)
2. SORROW CLOSES THE DOOR TO PEACE (v. 19-20)
3. SORROW BLOWN AWAY WITH PURPOSE (v. 21-23)

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: John 21:1-14

ABF/Small Group Guide

1. OPTIONAL ICE-BREAKER: If the resurrected Jesus were to appear in this room right now, what would be your first response?
2. Read John 20:11-23 slowly.
3. Describe Mary’s emotional state and its source.
4. Why did the angels and Jesus ask Mary why she was weeping?
5. What prevents Mary from identifying Jesus?
6. Describe her initial response to seeing Jesus.
7. When does it click for her that it is Jesus?
8. What does Jesus tell Mary to do instead of holding onto him?
9. Describe the emotional state of the disciples and where it comes from in verse 19.
10. Why did Jesus open with “Peace be with you” when He appeared to them?
11. How does Mary’s encounter with Jesus compare to the disciples’ encounter?
12. How does understanding Jesus rose from the dead empower you for your life’s mission?
13. How can we pray for you this week?