

# From Meetings to Mission

A post-Easter study of John 20-21



## A Guide for Spiritual Formation

Series Theme: From Meetings to Mission

Text for the Week: John 20:11-18

Message for the Week: Celebrating in a Cemetery

Theme for the Week: Seeing the Risen Lord

## Week #1

### Opening:

What is one low (a bad thing) and one high (a good thing) that happened to you this past week? Write them down and take turns sharing them with the others in your group.

Where have you seen the work of the Holy Spirit in your life this past week?

When was the last time you were surprised?

### Preparation:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with God to center and prepare yourself for your time with God today.

### Read:

Read / Have two people in your group read [John 20:11-18](#) out loud.

[Clicking this link will bring you to multiple translations.]

As you read and/or listen to the text being read, circle, take note of, highlight, or underline what words, phrases, or ideas grabbed your attention and heart in these verses?

Write them down below and/or share them with those who are with you.

## Respond / Reflect:

How has Jesus transformed your life?

What prevents you from seeing Jesus?

How long has it been since you let God surprise you?

What does it mean to abide in Christ?

How has God been at his best when your life has been at its worst?

How is a "Jesus and me faith" different than a "Jesus and mission faith?"

How are you doing in the post resurrection mission?

## "Try It!"

If or when life presents you with sorrows and perplexities this week, welcome and allow God to be at God's best when life is at its worst. Allow God to surprise you with God's resurrection power.

## Prayer:

Spend time in prayer with/for the other people who are with you.

Pray this prayer together:

Father, thank you for conquering death and providing us with an opportunity to find hope and celebrate in a world surrounded by suffering and death. Thank you for finding us in our deepest need, for encouraging us with a still small word, for allowing us to embrace you, for adopting us as your children. Now, Lord, send us on your mission to bring Your Gospel – to one another and to your world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## Missional/Spiritual Practice for the Month: Connecting with Neighbors

Each day during the month of April, take time during your day from doing something else to connect with one of your neighbors. You could stop and say hello, bring them a plate of cookies, help them with spring clean-up in their yard, go for a walk together through your neighborhood or a nearby park, have them over for dinner, bring them flowers to enjoy, or something else the Spirit of God prompts you to do.