April 12 2020 Discussion Guide Mark 16:1-8

What are some of your favorite Easter memories? What made those occasions special to you?

How does the story of Jesus' resurrection from the dead change the way you view current events?

Read Mark 16:1-8, then compare it with Matthew 28:1-10; Luke 24:1-12 and John 20:1-10

From these accounts of the first Easter morning, does it seem that Jesus' followers expected the tomb to be empty? Why or why not?

There are numerous prophecies in the Bible predicting the resurrection of Jesus. Read Psalm 16:10; Matthew 20:17-19; Mark 8:31-33; Luke 18:31-33. What do these passages tell you about God's promises?

The women asked the question, "Who will roll the stone away?" What are some obstacles that are keeping you from encountering Jesus?

Colossians 1:18 says that Jesus is "the firstborn from among the dead." This means that because Jesus was raised from the dead, all who believe in him are raised to life spiritually (Ephesians 2:4-7) and physically at his second coming (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18). What are some ways you have experienced this hope in your life this week?

Why do you think the angel specifically mentions Peter? What does this tell you about the forgiveness of Jesus?

This coming week, set aside one evening to watch a movie version of the life of Jesus, such as The Gospel of John or Jesus of Nazareth.