

THIS IS THE GOSPEL

The Gospel of Mark Part 3

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WARM UP QUESTION: Did you ever search for purpose, freedom or belonging?

READ: Mark 16:1-8

FOCUS: Through King Jesus' death and resurrection, we find the good life God offers.

OBSERVE:

- The women went to the tomb expecting to embalm a decaying body, but the angel told them, "He has risen!" They found purpose when he told them to share the good news with everyone.
- When they heard the news the women brought, the disciples were set free from their fear that the wonderful fellowship they had with Jesus was no longer available. Their hope and calling were restored.
- The angel singled out Peter because he had denied the Lord. He needed to know that he was still loved, called and included in Jesus' mission. He needed to know he belonged.

DISCUSS:

- What stood out to you or what did the Holy Spirit bring to your attention from this study?
- Have you felt the need to search for purpose, freedom or belonging? Where and how did you search? What thoughts, feelings or emotions come to mind?
- What is the Holy Spirit telling you about your purpose in His kingdom? Do you feel free from old things that used to tug on you? Do you get a sense of belonging to Jesus?

TAKE ACTION:

- Discuss your sense of belonging with your group. Assure each one that they are important in your life, and describe why.
- If any experiences fear, help them identify its source & pray with them for freedom and healing.

PRAY: Lord Jesus, thank You for your sacrificial death. Thank You for giving us a purpose in Your Kingdom, freeing us from our sinful nature and preparing a place for us with You in Your Kingdom. Holy Spirit, stir us up to share this Gospel with others who don't know Jesus. We pray this in Jesus' Name, Amen.