

A Primer for the Suffering
“The END of Suffering”

GETTING STARTED

ICE BREAKER: What do you find most hope-inspiring at this time of year?

KEY THOUGHT: *When hope has died, keep going to Jesus*

GETTING THE POINT

Read Mark 16:1-8

1. In verses 1-3, what do the women expect to find at the tomb, and how does this shape the mood of the scene?
2. In verses 4-6, what details highlight the unexpected nature of the resurrection?
3. What is the significance of the angel's simple declaration in verse 6, and how does it relate to Jesus' earlier predictions?
4. In verse 7, why do you think Peter is mentioned specifically?
5. The Gospel of Mark ends abruptly in verse 8 with fear and silence. Why might the Gospel end this way, and what effect does that have on the reader?

GETTING DEEPER

Read Romans 6:9-11

1. What is so significant about the fact that Jesus can never die again?
2. What are the implications of this reality for us?

GETTING PERSONAL

1. The women came to the tomb with “grave expectations.” When have you approached God assuming nothing would change?
2. Even in their grief and disappointment, the women still went to Jesus. What does it look like for you to “keep going to Jesus” when hope feels gone?
3. Peter is singled out despite his failure. How does that shape your understanding of grace when you feel like you've let God down?
4. Because the resurrection of Jesus signals the beginning of the end of suffering, how does that future hope impact the way you live right now?

PRAY...

that we will keep going to Jesus, even in times of suffering and hopelessness.