



Sermon Discussion Guide

4.5.26 Message | Tyler Myers | Mark 16:1-8

Note: This discussion guide is designed for both group and individual use. While some questions are written with group discussion in mind, individuals can still use this guide for personal reflection, journaling, and prayer. Simply adapt any group-oriented questions for your own study time.

LOOK BACK - Relationship & Accountability (~15% of your discussion)

→ Share Life

- What's something simple you're thankful for right now?
- What's been taking most of your attention lately?
- Is there anyone in your community who needs help right now, and how can our group come alongside them?

→ Follow Up From Last Time

- As you think back to last week, what stood out or stayed with you?
- Was there anything you felt invited to try, practice, or pay attention to this week? How did that go?
- Did that show up in any conversations, choices, or moments this week?
- Where did you see God at work - even in small ways?

LOOK UP – Scripture & Discovery (~60%)

→ Read (twice, in different translations)

- Read the text you are studying this week in the ESV out loud.
- Read the text you are studying this week a second time in an alternate version.

→ Retell

- In your own words, summarize what the author is saying in this passage.

Key Scripture (ESV)

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

- Mark 16:1-8

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- The resurrection of Jesus is not just something to believe; it invites a response.
 - The first witnesses of the resurrection experienced confusion, fear, and uncertainty, showing that honest reactions are part of encountering something real.
 - The gospel is centered on what God has done through Jesus, not on what we can do for ourselves.
 - Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection reveal that God is actively working to restore what is broken in the world and in us.
 - Following Jesus is not just about future hope, but about experiencing new life and purpose right now.
 - Our response to Jesus shapes the direction of our lives—both in the present and for eternity.
 - Even when our first response is imperfect, we are invited to continue responding to Jesus with trust and faith.
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CONVERSATION STARTER

Think about a time you reacted quickly to something and later realized you would have responded differently.

What helped you shift your response?

DISCUSS THE MESSAGE (Does your group understand the message?)

- What did you like about this passage?
- Did you find anything difficult about this passage?
- What does this passage teach about God?
- What does this passage teach about people?

THINK DEEPER (Does your group understand the passage?)

- In **Mark 16:1–3**, the women go to the tomb expecting to find Jesus' body and even wonder who will move the stone. What does this show about what they were expecting to happen?
 - In **verses 4–5**, they discover the stone already moved and are immediately alarmed. What do you notice about their reaction to what they see?
 - In **verse 6**, the message is clear: *"He has risen! He is not here."* Why do you think this moment would be both exciting and confusing at the same time?
 - In **verse 7**, they are told to go and share what they've seen. What do you think might make it difficult for someone to respond and share something like this?
 - In **verse 8**, the women leave trembling and afraid and say nothing at first. Why do you think fear was their initial response?
 - The message pointed out that our first response is not always our final response. Where do you see that play out in your own life?
 - The resurrection invites a response from each person. What do you think it looks like to respond to Jesus in everyday life, not just in big moments, but in normal routines?
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BRIDGE QUESTION

Based on this passage, what kinds of responses does it invite? What direction does it point our lives toward?

LOOK FORWARD – Application & Mission (~25%)

→ **Inside Me**

- Where do I need to bring my sin into the light instead of hiding it?
- What is one concrete step of obedience I can take this week to pursue Jesus in that area?

→ **Who Else?**

- Who might need encouragement that grace is real and change is possible?
- How can I move toward them with love and truth this week?

→ **Pray Together**

- Pray for clarity to see Jesus more clearly and follow Him faithfully.
- Pray for strength to resist anything that competes for our allegiance and next steps.
- Pray for courage and grace to take the next faithful step that God is inviting us into.