



God's Love (Part 3) – Pastor Mark Pope

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1. Pastor Mark shared that there is power in questions; he commented that his life trajectory changed when someone asked him how long he had been a Christian. Share of a time when someone asked you a question that changed your life. What happened?
2. Read and discuss Psalm 147:5 & 1 John 3:20. These verses paint a particular picture of God's knowledge and understanding. Why do you think He still asks us questions? What do you learn about yourself and God as you consider these verses?
3. Read John 20:1-2 & John 20:11-15. Pastor Mark's first point was that even in the face of his severe trauma, Jesus continued to have an outward focus and selfless compassion for us. Jesus didn't jump into action when he encountered Mary- instead, he asked a question. What can we learn from this? What stressors and external influences prevent us from doing this well?
4. Jesus is genuinely affected by people who are in distress and crying out to him. What does this tell us about the character and heart of our Lord? How does this encourage you? When was a time that you cried out to God?
5. Read Psalm 14:2-3. Pastor Mark's second point is that Jesus' Easter questions revealed God's desire for attention. Why do you think God wants you to look to him in moments of joy or distress?
6. Pastor Mark suggested that Mary Magdalene was exceptional, a "rare commodity" based on her actions taken in John 20:1-15. What about her was unique and different? What can we learn from her, and why does it matter?
7. We are reminded many times in scripture that God consistently seeks us and gives us attention. How can we be exceptional in giving God attention? What is one thing you will do this week to give God the attention he deserves?