

## GO DEEPER

use these questions for further study

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**Pray** the Lord's Prayer together or individually to begin the time (Mtt 6:9-13).

### Share with the Group

What did you know about Mary Magdalene before hearing this sermon?  
What did you learn? What surprised you? What new questions do you have?

### Read Luke 8:1-3

What do you learn about Mary from this passage?  
Why do you think Luke didn't tell us more about Mary's past?  
What is significant about this group of women being included alongside the 12? What role do they play?

### Read Matthew 27:55-56 & Mark 15:40-41

How do these passages describe Mary Magdalene?  
What does it mean that these women "followed" Jesus?  
Matt & Mark both use the Greek word "diakoneo" or "minister" to describe how the women served Jesus. What does it mean to "minister" to Jesus? Have you ever considered the possibility that humans might minister to God? In what ways can we as followers of Jesus minister to him in the here and now?

### Read John 20:1-18

What do we learn about Mary from this passage?  
Why do you think Jesus chose Mary Magdalene to be the first person he appeared to?  
How do you think Mary's message was received by the other disciples?  
What can we learn about discipleship from this passage?

### Consider the Following

Pastor Adam said that Mary teaches us four truths about being an apprentice (disciple) of Jesus: 1. Because of Jesus your past doesn't define your future. 2. Disciples are contributors not consumers. 3. Disciples stick with Jesus no matter what. 4. God loves using women to spread the Gospel.

Where/how do you see each of these in Mary Magdalene's life?  
Which of these is a truth you most need to hear right now? Why?  
How is the Spirit inviting you to lean into discipleship more fully?  
How will you respond? (be specific)

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