



Life group questions

Read John 20:1-18 and Luke 8:1-3

1. Mary was part of a group of disciples travelling with Jesus as he ministered. What can we learn about a healthy Christ-centred community from these verses?
2. How has Mary's journey with Jesus prepared her for the events of John 19-20? What do these verses tell us about Mary's relationship to Jesus?
3. How else might Jesus have answered Mary's appeal? Why is the use of Mary's name by Jesus so much more powerful and profound?
4. This is obviously a very personal encounter between Jesus and Mary. Look at these verses again and consider "do I believe that I can have such a close encounter with the Risen Jesus?"; and "have I ever experienced this closeness and excitement in his presence?" (You might like to look at Romans 8:15-17, John 15:9, John 15:12-17). How can we know Jesus more intimately? (1Corinthians 2)
5. Consider Mary as the first evangelist of the Good News of Jesus' resurrection. What is her testimony? What can we learn from this as we seek to tell those around us about Jesus?