

Foster City Campus – April 1, 2018



Hope Has a Name - Mark Mitchell

John 20:11-18

1. What are some circumstances you have faced that challenged your sense of hope?
2. Describe what we know about Mary Magdalene?
3. Review what happened in John 20:1-10. What does this tell us about Mary? What state was she in when she returned to the tomb in verse 11?
4. Why do you think both the angels and Jesus asked Mary such obvious questions? What does this teach us about how to care for those who are hurting?
5. Why does Mary ask Jesus, whom she thought was the gardener, to tell her where he might have put the body? How do sometimes try to do the same kind of thing?
6. What is the significance of Jesus calling Mary's name and Mary immediately recognizing that it was Jesus? What does this say about our own relationship with him?
7. Why did Jesus insist that Mary not cling to him? In what ways was Mary trying to control the narrative? Why is it so important for us to see our story from a different perspective, and find new ways of hoping?
8. Jesus articulates a new kind of relationship he would have with Mary and all of his followers right up until this day. Why is that relationship better than having Jesus with us in the flesh?
9. Why did you think Jesus made Mary the first preacher of the resurrection?
- 10 How did God speak to you through this sermon and text this week?

South Campus – April 1, 2018



Hope Has a Name - Dominic Rivera

John 20: 11-19

1. What is significant about Mary being at the tomb of Jesus?
2. Mary's weeping is mentioned three times (v.11, 13, 15). Why is she weeping? What connection does that have to her conversation with the angels and Jesus (v.13, 15)
3. Reading this story through the lens of hope, what does it mean that Mary wants to go and get the body of Jesus (v.15)? How does that relate to how she understood hope?
4. At the pivotal moment in the story, Jesus addresses Mary by name, expressing dignity to her. Describe a time in which someone treated you with dignity. What were your thoughts/feelings?
5. What are places in your sphere of influence into which you need to speak dignity?
6. How would you explain the significance of Easter to someone who does not follow Jesus?