



## PERSONAL/GROUP STUDY

### WEEK 10: JOHN 20-21

**Warm Up #1:** What were some highlights from your Easter weekend?

**Warm Up #2:** In what ways was your celebration of Easter different this year? Were those differences better, worse or just different than other years?

## STUDY

**1) Read 20:11-18.** For Mary, hearing Jesus say her name changed everything... Jesus was not only alive he was present with her! What does it mean today for Jesus to be present in our sorrow?

**2) Read 20:19-23.** The disciples were huddled together, afraid and with the doors locked to the outside world. In what ways can Christians/the Church adopt a similar posture? What do you think Jesus would say to us today?

**3) Read 20:24-29.** Thomas doubted and Jesus graciously revealed truth to him. What does v29 mean? And what encouragement do you find in it?

**4) Read 20:30-21:14.** Why would a story about the disciples catching fish be included in John's gospel? What's the significance of this event?

**5) Read 21:15-19.** There are lots of "threes" involved here: three denials, three questions, three affirmations, three instructions. What does this encounter tell us about the nature of God's forgiveness, restoration and calling in our own lives?

**6) Read 21:20-25.** Such an intriguing way to finish the gospel! As we've now come to the end of our journey through John, reflect on what you've learned and on the feeling you have as you read these last words.

## **BRING IT HOME**

- To what extent have you acknowledged your need for Jesus? How are you experiencing his presence today in your sorrow, fear, doubt, need and sin? What step could you take to reach out for him now?
- In what ways is Jesus calling you to join him out in the world, bringing comfort, peace, truth, provision and restoration to those who need it and who cry out to him for it?