

Questions for small group – Unlikely Saints/Mary Magdalene

As you read these passages, what aspects of either Mary's character or her actions stand out to you?

Read Luke 8:1-3 and John 20:11-18

1. Discuss what stand out to you about Mary's story.
2. In what ways do you think Mary Magdalene's former life was negatively impacted by the possession of seven evil spirits?
3. Mary could have been defined by her past and held back from following Jesus. Where in Mary's story do you see echoes of your own struggles with past mistakes or regrets?
4. How was Mary Magdalene's life transformed after she began following Jesus? How have you been transformed by Jesus' saving grace in your life?
5. Even after we believe in Jesus and follow him, we can still be attacked by the Enemy. What are the lies the Enemy attacks you with?
6. How might Rom 8:1-2, 38-39 assist you with defending against the Enemy's attacks? What other Scriptures do you find helpful in this spiritual battle?
7. "In my head, I know God loves me and has forgiven me, but I don't feel it." Have you had an assurance of God's love and forgiveness toward you?
8. What support do you appreciate in ways the group is "Jesus with skin on" for you?
9. How are you passing on the grace you have received to others?