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## Sermon Discussion Guide

Joanna - Tim Knipp  
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### Leader Preparation

1. Take some time to look over these questions ahead of time. Choose the ones that you want to make sure you cover with your group. We have highlighted what we think are **key ideas/questions by bolding them.**
2. Pray for your group and your time together as you prepare. This is so helpful!
3. When meeting online you as the leader will need to be more directive than in person. Don't be afraid to invite everyone to answer a question, invite them to share by name, and thank them when they finish. The online format requires a little more intentional orchestrating than an in-person group.
4. Try to start the gathering by getting everyone talking at least once to begin. The Hook section is great for this. When in doubt, have people share stories about their past. (How the week was, favorite memories about the topic for the day, etc). This is a great way to help your group continue to get to know one another.
5. Next, look at the Scripture and what it means. We believe Jesus is discipling people through this Word. Get people into the Scriptures and the Scriptures into people!
6. Finally, end with what God is saying to people and how God is inviting them to respond. These aren't just ideas to know but realities to live in!



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### Hook - Getting to know one another

- How is everyone doing this week? Add other questions to get to know one another, especially ones related to the topic in the sermon.
- What are some things you know based primarily upon the testimony of others? (In science? History? The lived experience of others?)
- What is an area where others build their knowledge of something through your testimony and experience?

### Book - Scripture

- Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand **what the text is saying**:
- **Read aloud the passages where we see Joanna in Luke's gospel:**
  - **Luke 8: 1-3**
  - **Luke 24: 1-10**
- Who is Joanna? What do we know about her life before Jesus? Her life with Jesus?
- What actions are attributed to Joanna? (What is directly stated? What is implied in the text?)
- Why is Joanna mentioned in these scriptures? How is it a part of the larger argument and purpose of the gospel of Luke? (Consider re-reading Luke 1: 1-4 to revisit Luke's stated purpose)

### Look - Connections to our world today

- This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.
- What encouraged you as you heard this passage? Why?
  - About what it means to walk with Jesus?
  - About our ability to trust what is written in scripture?
- Joanna presents a beautiful image of the impacts Jesus has on those he encounters. What in her example particularly stands out to you, either as an encouragement or a challenge?



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- If you were asked to explain why these passages are significant or important, how would you respond?

### Took - Personal Application

- This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.
- Joanna shows a willingness to radically trust Jesus. Where in your walk with Christ do you want to step into a more radical trust?
  - What steps could you take to foster that trust?
- Joanna and the disciples represent a very diverse group in many ways. How does this example lead us forward as believers? As the church? As Hillcrest?
- After reading these passages and examining the example of Joanna, how do you feel led to respond this week?

### Time of Prayer