



## Sermon Discussion Guide

### The Grave in the Garden - Tim Knipp

March 31, 2024

#### 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.*

- [Beforehand if possible invite people to get a photo of a garden or nature spot that is dear to them]
- What is a garden/nature space that is special to you? Why is it a place of significance to you?

#### Book - Scripture

*Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand **what the text is saying**:*

**Read John 20:1 - 2, 11 - 18** *Experience this story read communally. If possible and your group members would feel comfortable, take turns reading a few verses from this passage. In understanding a story, engaging more of our senses and attention can be helpful.*

- What stood out to you from this passage?
- Why do you think Mary mistook Jesus for a gardener?
- Read Genesis 3:8-24
  - What connections do you see between this passage and that of John?
  - What differences stand out to you?
  - Where do you see the interplay of life and death?
- Why does Jesus respond to Mary the way He does?

#### 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.*

- Where do you see the struggle between the grave and the garden in the places around you?



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- Tim highlighted that we do not live in hopelessness, but in confident hope. What does it look like for you to live in that confident hope?
  - Why do you think we sometimes struggle to live in accordance with that hope?
- What are the places around you where you see a need for that hope?
- Who are the people you see that live hopefully?

#### 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.*

- What are you/we crying for?
- Whom/what are you/we seeking?
- Where do you think Jesus is in those places?
- What might Jesus' invitation be for us finding him in those places?

#### Time of Prayer