

Small Group Questions: Easter: Surprised by God's Power

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Read

Mark 16:1–7; Ecclesiastes 4:9–12; and Psalm 5:3

Reflect

After the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went at dawn to anoint Jesus' body with burial spices. On the way, they wondered who would move the stone for them. Have you ever faced something in your life that seemed like an immovable object?

When faced with an immovable object:

- 1. Enlist a team.**
 - a. What are you facing right now?
 - b. Make a list of who could be on your team to help move the immovable.
 - c. Why is a team necessary?
- 2. Make a plan.**
 - a. Do you have a plan for the mountain you are facing?
 - b. What makes it a plan and not a wish?
- 3. Move ahead in faith.**
 - a. In what ways has God asked you to first step out in obedience before you saw him act?
 - b. How did the women show their faith?
- 4. Anticipate God's help.**
 - a. Although the women were a team, with a plan and moving forward in faith, what could they not have anticipated?
 - b. How much are you anticipating God's help?
 - c. The angel spoke to the women, explaining that Jesus has risen. In what ways has God given you such direct and clear answers?
- 5. Expect some surprises.**
 - a. What was God's greatest surprise ever?
 - b. How did God go beyond the women's expectations?
- 6. Share your story.**
 - a. What impact does hearing how God first revealed Jesus' Resurrection to these women have on you?
 - b. Are you willing to share your story...which is really part of God's story?

Respond: Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?