

CITYGROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



Spring 2019 Week 15 – Mark 16:1-8

#CityGroupsTally

Week of April 28, 2019

REMINDERS for leaders:

- **NOTE:** This week concludes our series in Mark and transitions to a new series “The Aftermath.” You may have noticed Dean did not cover Mark 16:9-20. We’ve included a brief summary as to why. Feel free to share it with your group members or use it as a reference as you guide discussions.
- **Last Week of Groups:** THIS is the last week of groups for the Spring term. We will break for May and resume meeting the week of June 2nd.
- **Meet with Joe.** I (Joe) would like to take you, your-co leaders, and any apprentices in your group to lunch or coffee soon to hear how your group is going and how I can best assist you. I sent you an email with some details about getting that set up. Please let me know if you have trouble or need to schedule a time outside of what’s listed.
- **Leading Next Term:** If you haven’t already please reply to our survey to confirm if you will lead next term or not. You can do so [HERE](#).
- **Faith & Politics Event:** Make plans to bring your group to the event this Tuesday night and spend some time discussing it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **Faith & Politics Forum:** Join us on **Tuesday, April 30th at 7:00pm** at the Sessions Road for a discussion on how the gospel shapes our engagement in the public square with Dr. Bruce Ashford. Dr. Ashford serves as provost and professor of theology and culture at Southeastern Seminary. You can **register** for the event [HERE](#) and find out more about Dr. Ashford [HERE](#).
2. **Lunch Downtown:** For those that work in or around state government, we will be hosting lunch discussion on the gospel and the public square on the 22nd floor of the Capitol **Wednesday, May 1st** from **12:00-1:00pm**. Lunch will be provided. Register [HERE](#).
3. **Women’s Discipleship Kickoff:** On **May 3rd @ 7:00pm** we will kickoff a new initiative for women at City Church. Please make plans to attend to hear more about this exciting women’s discipleship initiative. Please register [HERE](#).

BIG IDEA:

The resurrection changes everything.

PRAY: Ask the Lord to lead your group meeting, speak through the Scriptures and guide conversations.

READ: **Mark 16:1-8**

HEAD (10 minutes)

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1) Mark 16:6-7 is the first time the gospel is proclaimed in the book of Mark. This text points to three responses that arise from this proclamation. What do you think they are? How would you summarize them? 1. See the facts of Jesus' resurrection ("He is risen. See the place where they laid him"), 2. Experience the grace offered through Christ ("tell the disciples and Peter"), 3. Orient your life around his mission ("Go and tell...").

2) Unlike the other gospels (Matthew, Luke, and John), Mark ends abruptly in verse 8. Why do you think that is? What is Mark's gospel calling its readers to respond to? Mark wants his readers to respond to the news of Jesus' resurrection and "go and tell" others just as Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Jesus, and Salome did.

3) Think about where Peter would've been if Jesus had not risen from the dead. Peter's last interaction with Jesus was one of denial. What hope does Jesus' resurrection offer to Peter? Peter is not dead in his sins. He is not left to wallow in guilt and grief. Jesus in fact has risen and called Peter to himself that he, Peter, may have new life in and through Jesus, the one he so shamefully denied. (Reference Ephesians 2:1-9 & Colossians 1:21-23).

HEART: (10 minutes)

1) Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15:14, "If Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain, and so is your faith." Everything in the Christian faith hinges on the resurrection of Jesus. How has this reality shaped your life?

2) How does the fact that immediately upon the testimony about Jesus' resurrection, Peter was called out specifically to come see Jesus in Galilee offer you hope?

HANDS: (10 Minutes):

1) How does the resurrection shape our mission to "go and tell" of who Jesus is and what he has done?

2) Who can you go and tell the news of the resurrection to? How can your group support you in that?

PRAY: (20 Minutes):

Read and Pray through 1 Corinthians 15:1-58

- We've adjusted the time spent in discussion and prayer this week. Plan to spend 20 minutes praying through 1 Corinthians 15 together. Below is a model of how to do this:

Model of Praying through 1 Corinthians 15

- ❑ Read 15:1-11
 - ❑ Thank God for the resurrection of Jesus and his testimony to the eyewitnesses
 - ❑ Thank God that the testimony of his resurrection has made it to you
- ❑ Read 15:12-34
 - ❑ Praise the Lord that because of his resurrection our faith is not futile
 - ❑ Ask the Lord to help his church (us) the people of the resurrection to testify to his resurrection and his kingdom faithfully
- ❑ Read 15:35-49
 - ❑ Pray for those that are suffering in this life (members of City Church or others, by name) pray that they would find hope in the resurrection of Jesus
- ❑ Read 15:50-58
 - ❑ Thank the Lord that he has given us his Spirit to reveal his mysteries to us
 - ❑ Thank God that we will be changed and no longer taste the sting of death upon our resurrection