

**Discussion Questions: The Great Reveal
Risen King – Mark 16:1-8**

Drawn from the April 20, 2025 sermon by Dr. Jeff Chandler

Opener: What was the most incredible event you have ever seen? How did it effect you emotionally?

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid. Mark 16:1-8

1. What stands out about the fact that the women didn't have a certain plan to move the stone? How was their journey an act of faith?

2. How have you exhibited faith in the midst of a very difficult circumstance?

3. What are some of the indicators that this was no ordinary man, but a supernatural messenger?

4. What is the significance of the messenger's words that Jesus was not there?

5. Would you have had trouble believing this "man in a white robe"? Did the women believe him?

6. Why do you think the angel included "and Peter" in his command to tell the disciples?

Group Prayer time: Pray and thank God that Jesus is alive and the stone has been rolled away. Ask Him to show where He is leading you and to give you the faith to follow Him obediently, despite your fears and past failures.

For reflection in the group or on your own:

- A. The women had no ability to move aside the greatest barrier keeping them from Jesus. What in your life is impeding your relationship with Jesus? Are there barriers keeping you from seeing and hearing Jesus?

- B. In what areas do you find yourself looking for life in the midst of death? What habits, sin patterns, and unhealthy behaviors do you continue to foster, instead of submitting them to Jesus?

- C. Where is Jesus leading you? Where is your Galilee? How is He calling you to follow daily in obedience on the path He has walked before you?

Next week, April 27, pastor Jeff will begin a new series from the book of Acts called "Uncharted Territory". There will be discussion questions available at www.sequimcommunitychurch.org/downloads