

Conversation Starters

- How did you celebrate Easter?
- Do you have any traditions to celebrate?

Discuss

Most people have a few blind spots in their life. Blind spots can be physical, cognitive, or emotional. They can even be spiritual – something that keeps us from seeing God and growing in a relationship with Him. For a brief moment, Mary Magdalene did not recognize Jesus even when He was talking with her.

She [Mary] turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn't recognize him. (John 20:15 NLT).

- Have you ever learned (through self or a friend) of any kind of blind spot that you had?
- Have you ever had, or think you have a spiritual blind spot?

There could be any number of different reasons we do not see Jesus or even consider what a life with Him looks like. Often times it is because of our emotions, our intellect, or how we perceive ourselves.

- Have you ever been emotionally drained and failed to see God during that time?
- Do you ask and seek answers to tough spiritual questions?
- Do you value the life that you have and strive to live it purposefully?

Jesus has no blind spots towards us. He sees us exactly as we are and is crazy about each one of us. Christians celebrate Easter honoring Christ for loving us so much that He died for us, and then rose from the dead overcoming sin and giving us a new life through Him.

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16 NLT)

- Where are you at in your relationship with Christ?
- How are you trying to grow in that relationship?
- Have you found your purpose in Christ?

Next Steps

Take some time this week to reflect on the life of Jesus. Read the Gospel of John in the Bible as a start. Then, commit to either finding out more to help you decide where you stand with Him, and/or how you can live in response to that love.

Exploring the Bible

When: Every Monday, from 04/29/2019 to 05/20/2019, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

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Further Reflection

Read John 20:11-16; Gospel of John.

Pray

God, thank you for Jesus and His sacrifice and your love for us. Thank you for allowing us to bring any hurt, confusion, or doubt to you. Help us to overcome any barrier that keeps us from a thriving relationship with you.