

The Chill of Recognition

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

Mark 16:1-8

A Strange Ending

This ending is subtle, but brilliant – “the Chill of Recognition”

A Strange Message

A New Message Burst On The World

News – Felt compelled to share

Jesus – More than a regular human being

Death – Linked to forgiveness of sin

Eternal Life – Hope for life after this life

Way of Life – Loved by God → Love for others

Where did this Come From? – Resurrection!

News – An event happened

Eternal Life – It started with Jesus

Death – Ordinary event otherwise

Way of Life – This death defines Love

Rethink – God, Bible, Forgiveness, Future

Jesus – Who is this?

Who is This?

Mark – Glimpse into disciples’ experience of dawning realization

Mark 1:1 → Mark 8:29 → Mark 15:39

Mark 2:10; Mark 2:28; Mark 3:11

Fear → Fear

Calming the Storm (4:35-41)

Demon Possessed Man (5:1-17)

Walking on water (6:45-52)

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Who is Jesus?

The Big Splash ... The early believer’s unexpected experience

The Ripples ... The whole Christian message

Small Group Guide

Kicking off your Time Together

Ice Breaker

Share a time when something unexpected happened.

Opening Prayer

Have one or two open in prayer asking God to be present and to direct your time.

What Did you Bring?

Did you bring anything to share to encourage the group? (consider 1 Cor 14:26 as the pattern for this part of the meeting.)

Read Passage

Read this passage: Mark 16:1-8

Discuss a few of these questions:

What do we know about these women? You may want to look back at 15:40-47. What did they experience? How do you think they felt throughout what was recorded here?

There is a pattern in Mark, where fear gives way to a greater fear. You may want to look at some of these passages: 4:35-41; 5:1-17; 6:45-52. How does this theme illumine the last verse of Mark?

How did you become convinced that the message about Jesus is true?

If someone asked “Who is Jesus?”, what would you say? Why?

Pray for Each Other

In light of all that has been shared, pray for each other.

You may want to share specific requests.