

# THE BIG PICTURE

Week 7

BRBC Groups

April 4, 2021

**Scripture** | Romans 8:1-8, John 20:1-18

**Ice Breaker** | 1. Did you have a favourite tradition as a child for easter? What was it?

**Going Deeper** |

1. It has been over a year since we have been able to have in-person church. What is one thing you like about the last year of church, and what is something you miss from before?
2. What is something that stood out to you from this week's message? Do you have any questions about it?
3. Read John 20:1-18
4. What was Mary's immediate reaction to seeing the stone moved away?
5. John makes a specific point of mentioning that it is the first day of the week; this is an allusion to the creation account in Genesis. How does Jesus' resurrection signal the beginning of God's new creation?
6. Do you think there is any significance to Mary thinking Jesus was the gardener? Why do you think John included this point?
7. In verse 17, Jesus tells Mary not to hold onto Him. Why does he say that? This verse is the first time he refers to the disciples as his brothers; why might that be significant?
8. What do you think Mary's emotional state was like that morning? Going from seeing the empty tomb to encountering Jesus? How would you imagine her acting after she spoke to Jesus?
9. Why do you think it is important that Jesus spoke to Mary first?
10. Read Romans 5:1-8
11. What does this passage mean to you? What do you think the initial audience would have thought when they first heard it?
12. In the message this week, Rob spoke about the word translated to sin, meaning missing the mark, and that sin is not just something people do, but it is part of our reality. What do you think about that idea, that sin is not just something you do, but part of who we have become?
13. Another idea Rob shared in this week's message was that the sin that started with Adam and Eve is that we missed the mark on how to be fully human in the way God intended for us. What do you think about that idea? How would it relate to this passage?
14. What does it mean to you that "while we were still sinners, Christ died for us?"