

RCC LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION (STUDENT)

MARK CHAPTER 16

Discussion Starter

- Do you think it is easy for people to trust today? Why or why not?
 - Is it easy for you to trust? Why or why not?

Opening Prayer

- Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer

Tell the Story

Read the Story (Mark 16:1-19)

- Read out loud as a group, 5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you have to get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.

Mark 16:1-13

- Based upon what Jesus told His disciples earlier in Mark 8:31-33, Mark 9:30-32, & Mark 10:32-34, where would we expect to find the disciples on the third day after He died?
- What are the disciples found doing according to Mark 16:10 and why is this significant?

- How are you and I so very similar to the disciples today?
- Why is Mark 16:7 significant and more specifically, why is Peter mentioned by name?

Mark 16:14-19

- Why is it significant to see what Jesus commanded His disciples to do after He rebuked them in Mark 16:14-15?
- Notice that the disciples of Jesus Christ and thus the Church are going to have many different roles according to verses 15-18.
 - How can you as an individual live more fully in each of the areas listed below?
 - How can RCC as a community live more fully in each of the areas listed below?
 - Preaching Jesus
 - Being instruments of healing in the name and power of Jesus
 - Being instruments of God's power on full display

Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
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 - Jesus was extremely clear with His disciples about what would happen to Him, how it was going to happen, and when He was

going to be resurrected. We would expect to find the disciples at the tomb on the third day.

- What are the disciples found doing according to Mark 16:10 and why is this significant?
 - The disciples are found mourning and weeping and this is incredibly significant because had they fully taken Jesus at His word, they would have been anticipating His resurrection at the tomb.
 - How are you and I so very similar to the disciples today?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
- Why is Mark 16:7 significant and more specifically, why is Peter mentioned by name?
 - Peter had betrayed Jesus in the most demoralizing and devastating ways. Jesus wanted Him to understand that His betrayal didn't and wouldn't define him or the mission that God had ahead for him.

□ Mark 16:14-19

- Why is it significant to see what Jesus commanded His disciples to do after He rebuked them in Mark 16:14-15?
 - Jesus' commands after He rebuked His disciples are extremely important because these commands underscore the beautiful reality that Jesus hadn't given up on them just because they didn't have it all together. He still desired to work in and through them and His plan was much bigger than their failures!
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