



Leading People into a Growing
Relationship with Jesus Christ!

Life Group Discussion Guide

Message: "Space for Grace"

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Message Notes

Grace covers our unbelief.

Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, "They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" **John 20:1-2 (NLT)**

So they brought the boy. But when the evil spirit saw Jesus, it threw the child into a violent convulsion, and he fell to the ground, writhing and foaming at the mouth. "How long has this been happening?" Jesus asked the boy's father. He replied, "Since he was a little boy. The spirit often throws him into the fire or into water, trying to kill him. Have mercy on us and help us, if you can." "What do you mean, 'If I can'?" Jesus asked. "Anything is possible if a person believes." The father instantly cried out, "I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!" **Mark 9:20-24 (NLT)**

Grace reminds us that we are not alone.

Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb. They were both running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. **John 20:3-4 (NLT)**

Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed—for until then they still hadn't understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead. Then they went home. **John 20:6-10 (NLT)**

Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as she wept, she stooped and looked in. She saw two white-robed angels, one sitting at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying. “Dear woman, why are you crying?” the angels asked her. “Because they have taken away my Lord,” she replied, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” She turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn’t recognize him. **John 20:11-14 (NLT)**

Grace allows us to understand Jesus’ desire for us.

She turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn’t recognize him. “Dear woman, why are you crying?” Jesus asked her. “Who are you looking for?” She thought he was the gardener. “Sir,” she said, “if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him.” **John 20:14-15 (NLT)**

“Mary!” Jesus said. She turned to him and cried out, “Rabboni!” (which is Hebrew for “Teacher”). “Don’t cling to me,” Jesus said, “for I haven’t yet ascended to the Father. But go find my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them, “I have seen the Lord!” Then she gave them his message. **John 20:16-18 (NLT)**



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Four Questions

LEARN: *What am I learning? What am I curious about? What questions do I have?*

LIVE: *What thoughts/habits/desires do I need to adopt or surrender
so I can experience the abundant life Jesus gives?*



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LOVE: *How will this empower me to love God (with all my heart, soul, mind and strength),
love myself (as Jesus loves me), and love my neighbor (as I love myself)?*

LEAD: *How is God calling me to lead people into
a growing relationship with Jesus Christ?*