

**HANGOUT**

1. Discuss:
  - Author Anne Lamott once said, "We're Easter people living in a Good Friday world." What do you think she meant?
  - What stood out to you from the teaching? Why?

**HEAR**

2. Look up and read John 20:11-18.
3. Discuss:
  - What stands out to you from this passage? Why?
  - Can you connect or relate to Mary's experience in some way? Have you ever felt as if your whole world was rocked or devastated? What happened?
  - Put yourself in Mary's shoes. What would have been the impact or sensation of hearing Jesus say, "Mary"? (verse 16)
  - After speaking with Jesus, Mary runs to tell the disciples. She becomes the first apostle, which means "sent one" or a person who shares the Good News. What's the significance of Mary being the first one to tell about Jesus' resurrection?
  - How does this connect to the way things are done in God's kingdom?
4. Look up and read John 20:24-29.
5. Discuss:
  - What stands out to you from this passage? Why?
  - Can you connect or relate to Thomas's doubt in some way?
  - Put yourself in his shoes. How would you feel in the days between when the rest of the disciples saw Jesus and seeing him for yourself? How would you feel when Jesus appeared to you and told you to touch his hands where the nails had pierced him?
  - How does what Jesus says in verse 29 impact us?

**HUDDLE**

6. Emphasize that the death of Jesus could have been the end of the story. But it most definitely wasn't!
7. Discuss:
  - What's the significance of Jesus' resurrection?
  - What difference does the death and resurrection of Jesus make for you? How does it inform how you live? What difference does it make for you tomorrow? This week?
8. Pray together about the things your group talked about.