

THE LOOK THAT GIVES LIFE

John 20:1-10

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- *Did you attend the Good Friday Journey to the Cross experience? Where you at one of the Easter morning baptism services? Share your personal reactions with your group.*
- *What should change in your life as a result of what you experienced this weekend?*

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time you met. Anything you need to follow up on as a group?
- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, **Pastor Pat unpacked three different "looks" from characters in the resurrection story.**

There are three kinds of "life" in the Bible, which kind are you pursuing most?

1. **"bios" (Luke 8:14)** - The cares, riches, and pleasures that we chase that ultimately choke us
2. **"psuche" (Matthew 6:25)** - The natural health and life we all have that ultimately dies
3. **"zoe" (John 11:25-26)** - The abundant and eternal life that will never disappoint

The Look That Saves:

1. The Casual Look: John's first observation (John 20:5)

- This look is just a quick glance. John glanced at the empty tomb from the outside. Talk about what it was like when you were looking at Jesus from outside the faith? What did you think of Christianity? What was holding you back from "going inside" and giving your life to God?
- Who are some other people in your life that you know are still taking just a casual look at Jesus?
- Are you just taking a casual look? Or have you stepped inside?

2. The Careful Look: Peter's observation (John 20:6)

- This look is an analytical gaze. Peter peered into the tomb and analyzed the facts of the situation. Do you consider yourself someone directed more by facts or feelings?
- How might it be harder for an analytical person to come to Jesus in faith?
- Are you just taking a careful look at the facts of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection? Do you "know about" Jesus, but don't actually KNOW Him?

3. The Converting Look: John's second observation (John 20:8)

- This look is a spiritual stare. John now steps inside the tomb, stares at the emptiness, and believes that Jesus was Who He said He was. Look quickly at John 20:30-31 to see how this impacted John's motivation for writing this Gospel.
- There's something beautiful about seeing generations from a family come to Jesus. What is your "spiritual legacy?" Do you have older family members that love Jesus? If not, why couldn't you be the one in your family to start a new spiritual legacy?

How are you look at Jesus right now?

- A casual look - just a passing glance.
- A careful look - simply analyzing the facts of the story.
- A converting look - a deep spiritual stare that leads to belief in Jesus.

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that your group will look deeply at Jesus with true belief!