

DISCOVER JESUS WITH MARK

LIFE GROUP MATERIAL

Meeting **THEME: The Gospel goes on**

Prepare yourself. Pray for your Life Group's meeting. Read **Mark 16 : 9 - 20**

20.00 – 20.10 Start How did you come to know about the Gospel? Did you immediately believe it, or did/do you have doubts?

20.10 – 20.15 Pray.

20.15 - 20.40 Bible passage: Read Mark 16 : 9 - 20

Look again at 16 : 9-14

- This passage is not included in all the earliest manuscripts of Mark's Gospel. In the testimonies about Jesus' resurrection there are slight differences that are not easy to harmonise. Aren't such problems a problem for the reliability of the Gospel?
- Jesus first appeared to Mary Magdalene. Was this an arbitrary choice of Jesus?
- Unbelief and hardness of heart were a problem for disciples as well. What can we learn from that?

Look again at 16 : 15-16

Jesus did not appoint other apostles, after their unbelief. They would not only be saved by Him, but also commissioned to bring the Gospel further ('fishers of men'). They would be able to understand those who would need to hear it many times, before they would repent and believe.

- What is the reason that the whole creation must hear the Gospel?
- In which ways are you personally involved in what is written here?

Look again at 16 : 17-18 & 19-20

In the first part, Jesus makes promises for those who will believe and become new spreaders of the Gospel. In the second part we see that Jesus keeps his promises.

- Are these signs still relevant today?
- What do you learn from verses 19-20?

20.40 – 20.50 Digging deeper

Last time we shared about the difficulty of sharing your faith in daily life. Any progress, longings, ideas, prayer points to share here?

20.50 – 21.00 End the Life Group meeting with praying together.