



Study guide 23rd Nov 2025

This week we concluded our series on Mark's gospel by looking at Mark 16:1-8.

Lectio Divina – You may want to do this together as a group or encourage group members to do this individually before/after your session. Read the passage through slowly, using your imagination to place yourself in the scene. Notice your feelings and reflections. Read it again, slowly, noticing what else strikes you and finding one word or phrase that stands out. Take time to pray into any themes or words you feel drawn to. Read again slowly a final time, considering what you will take on into your week in light of this passage.

1. Spend a few moments sharing some of the things you have learnt through this series – perhaps a particular verse or illustration shared during a sermon or something God has spoken to you about.
2. Read Mark 16:1-8 - This is a cliff hanger ending! What do you think is the impact of it ending at this point? How does it make you feel?
3. We heard that the women in this passage, as well as the disciples, fled or froze in the face of traumatic events.
 - a. How do you think you would have reacted in their shoes, not knowing what happens next?
 - b. Given that we have 2000 years more knowledge/experience to draw on, how would you like to react now?
4. The angel gave the women instructions to start sharing the news of the resurrection and we also looked at the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20). Do we have a sense of urgency to share the good news? Which aspects do you feel more comfortable with and which feel more difficult? What one action could you do this week?
5. We ended by thinking about the simplicity of Herbie's letter to God and that sometimes we just need to take the first step, even if (like the women in the passage) we feel frozen or unsure what's coming next.
 - a. Are there areas of your life or your relationship with God where you feel stuck or frozen? What could you do to take a step forward?
 - b. Pray the words of Herbie together, whether for the first or the 1000th time, placing your name in his place.

“Dear God, Count me in, your friend.....”