



WEEK 2 | Outreach

## PRAYER

Lord, help me as I obey you and preach the gospel to all I come across. Open my eyes and my heart to every opportunity that will come my way to preach the good news. Help me to keep it simple and please put the words in my mouth. I must not depend on anybody, but you, O God. Prepare the hearts of the people I speak to, helping them to believe the good news. I pray you will make it clear to all about the consequences of not believing the gospel. Thank you, Father. In Jesus' name, Amen.

-Ola Tubi, *Prayer for Discipleship from Mark 16*

## WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

If you had the opportunity to go to any country to learn more about it by meeting a specific person from that place, which country would it be, and who would you like to meet?

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## WORD

<sup>9</sup>Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. <sup>10</sup>She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. <sup>11</sup>But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. <sup>12</sup>After these things he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. <sup>13</sup>And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. <sup>14</sup>Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.

<sup>16</sup>Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup>And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; <sup>18</sup>they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

[MARK 16:9-18](#)

"I can imagine that scene, the weeping and mourning disciples, and this eager woman telling out her story, and telling it with evident truthfulness and deep pathos, but they believed her not. Do you expect to be believed whenever you tell the story of your Lord's resurrection, or any other part of the gospel message? You have to tell it, not to Christ's disciples, but to those who are aliens from the commonwealth of Israel; and, probably, you do not tell it as well as Mary Magdalene did. Marvel not, therefore, if many a time those who hear your message believe it not. Mind that you believe it yourself, and keep on telling it whether others believe it or not, and God will bless it to some of them by-and-by.

Unbelief is not easily driven out of even true disciples; but let none of us ever harbor it in our hearts. As we see how unbelieving these disciples were, and know how wrong their unbelief was, let us not be like them."

-Charles Spurgeon on Mark 16

## GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1 to 10 (1 = completely unable; 10 = fully capable), how would you rate your capacity to share your stories with others? Why would you rate yourself this way?
2. Would people's unbelief of your life-saving message cause you not to share the message with them? Why or why not?
3. Do you believe that God can work supernatural miracles in and through your life, so that people around you can see how real he is? Why or why not?
4. What are the obstacles for people in your life believing the GOOD NEWS of the GOSPEL? How can we overcome them?
5. If you are a follower of Jesus, can you make a list of people that God has put in your life to reach out to with the message of the Gospel? The message is that you were once LOST, but by God's grace through Christ, you have been SAVED, and now you have LIFE. Pray for that list of people with your Life Group, and commit to praying for them regularly.

If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, would you choose today to trust him? Will you enable him to have all authority as the one who calls the shots in your life? Would you like to enter into a saving relationship with God through Jesus? Ask your Life Group leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer:

*Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite you to be the master of my life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Saviour. I declare that I am yours, and you are mine. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

## NOTES