THE GOODNESS OF EASTER

Key Scripture: John 20:11-18

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Starter:

Let's explore 4 things about Jesus and the goodness of Easter.

Discussion:

1. Jesus sees our sorrow and challenges, and He wants us to pour out our hearts to Him. In reflecting on John 20:11-15, what stands out to you as particularly significant or meaningful?

2. Jesus sees our seeking - John 20:15b-16a.

   Notice in verse 15 it says "…Who is it you are looking for?" The Greek word for looking is seeking, striving, longing for. What is the difference between what a Chistian vs. what the world seeks, strives and longs for?

3. Jesus sees our surrender - John 20:15b-16b.

   When we recognize that Jesus is always with us, listening to our prayers and guiding us on our journey, we can let go of our worries and anxieties and place our faith in Him. This surrender can be a transformative experience, allowing us to grow closer to God and find peace in the midst of life's challenges.

   How did Mary surrender to Jesus in this passage? Do you always find it easy to surrender to Him?

4. Jesus sees our service - John 20:17-18.
   How did Mary's encounter with Jesus on Easter morning change her life?
   Share a testimony of how someone you know whose life has been changed after accepting Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour.
   How has the goodness of Jesus changed your life?

Diving Deeper:

In the midst of your challenges and anxieties, remember that Jesus is always with you to provide hope. The hope of Easter reminds us that Jesus is alive and well, and that the empty tomb is a symbol of His triumph over death.