



Rock Church

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Monthly Discipleship Focus for April: Serve with Humility

In this message, Pastor Miles shared how Jesus brought profound hope to a world steeped in anxiety and plagued by uncertainty. He flooded the dark world with light, and "the darkness could not comprehend it" (John 1:5). After a year of constant transitions and tragedy, this is GOOD NEWS. Jesus is the true light of the world, and our hope is anchored in His resurrection life.

As a group, read through the scriptures then discuss the statements and questions that follow:

Matthew 28:1-5

1 Now after the Sabbath, as the first *day* of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. 4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead *men*. 5 But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

Mark 16:1-6

1 Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary *the mother* of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. 2 Very early in the morning, on the first *day* of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. 3 And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" 4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 6 But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.

Luke 24:1-3

1 Now on the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain *other women* with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. 2 But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. 3 Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

John 20:1-2

1 Now the first *day* of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw *that* the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 2 Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."

Matthew 4:8-9

8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. **9** And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.”

John 1:4-5

4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. **5** And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

1 John 2:8-11

8 Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.

9 He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. **10** He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. **11** But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

Colossians 2:15

15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

1 Peter 2:9-10

9 But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; **10** who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

- 1. Walk as children of Light.** *If you feel comfortable sharing, what are one or two areas of darkness in your life that you need to walk out of in order to walk into your light?*
- 2. Love your brother and sister.** *In what ways could you serve those around you who may not be able to do anything for you in return?*
- 3. Offer your hope to others.** *How can you help someone overcome their problems and be a blessing in their life?*

This Month's Memory Verse:

Philippians 2:3 “*Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.*”

This Week's Bible Readings & Bible Project Videos:

Proverbs 12: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/proverbs>

2 Samuel 5-24: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/2-samuel>

Next Step:

Text INFO to 52525 for details regarding the church relaunch on April 18th.

