

Easter Encounter

John 20:11-18

Because Jesus is risen,

we can have _____ encounters with Him

1. _____ encounters

2. _____ encounters

3. _____ encounters

For Further Reflection and Discussion

Opener: How did you celebrate Easter as a kid? How did you celebrate this year?

How did God speak to you or work in you at church this Sunday?

Read John 20:11-18. How is Mary's condition at the end of this story different from her condition at the beginning?

Why did Mary feel the way she did? In what ways can you identify with these kinds of feelings?

In what ways have you seen God's power displayed in your life?

When did Mary recognize Jesus?

- When was the first time in your life that you felt like God knew and was calling your name?

What kind of relational or family language is used in these verses?

- How does it feel to have God for your Father and fellow believers as your brothers and sisters?
- How does your experience in your family of origin influence how you feel about this?

What did Jesus tell Mary to do?

What do you think keeps people from sharing with others about Jesus?

What could we do together (as a small group or our whole church) to share Jesus with others? What is God prompting you personally to do?

How can we pray for one another?