



**Title: My Hope**

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**Scripture Text: Mark 16:1-8**

## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Happy Easter!! We live in a world where many are drowning in despair. People are in pursuit of hope but looking in the wrong places. They look to works, Mohamed, Buddha, Confucius, etc. but come up empty every time. In today's message we look to the One who gives true hope, the One who is THE way, THE truth, and THE light: Jesus Christ. In today's passage we will also find two scenarios that can cause us to lose our hope. Let's examine these scenarios and then see how despite our circumstances, we can still find hope.

### I. Uncontrollable Situation (Mark 16:1-6)

There are times when we find ourselves in circumstances that are totally out of our control. In those times we try to do what we can but there is only so much we can do. There is One who is in control, even when we don't realize it. He is the One we must depend on and place our hope in, the risen Saviour, Jesus Christ!

- Why were these women going to the tomb so early on a Sunday morning?
- What does vs. 3 say about a concern they had?
- This was totally out of their control, yet they were trusting that a way would be provided. What did they find when arrived at the tomb?
- What was the message the angel gave them in vs. 6?
- What does the fact of Jesus' resurrection mean to you?

### II. Personal Decision (Mark 16:7)

There are times when we make the wrong decisions, and those decisions can get us in trouble. The angel gave the women a message for the disciples, **and Peter**. Peter was singled out. He was included in the invitation to join Jesus in Galilee. The last interaction Peter had concerning Jesus was when he denied Him three times the night before Jesus' crucifixion. Jesus was interested in restoring His relationship with Peter and empowering him for his calling.

- Describe Peter's restoration and the impact he had on the world for Christ.
- When was a time when you stumbled because of a personal decision?
- Through Jesus, we have forgiveness. Why is it important to immediately repent and 'get back on the horse'?

How is HOPE found by knowing Jesus is in control even when things seem uncontrollable?

Is forgiveness and restoration available even when you make wrong decisions?

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