

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on [thorncreek.church/live](http://thorncreek.church/live))

**Warming up**

1. Happy Mother's Day weekend. How did you celebrate this special day? Did you make any changes in the way you spent your day?
2. What woman in the bible is your favorite character and why? Share with your small group! Where can she be found in the bible?

**Digging Deeper & Application**

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

3. Mary Magdalene is a famous follower of Jesus Christ.
  - According to Luke 8:1-3, what kind of woman was Mary Magdalene?
  - Many bible scholars also believe she is the woman in Luke 7:37; and John 8:1-11.
  - Describe her in your own words.
4. Read John 20:11-18. Mary Magdalene was one of the first to witness the empty tomb.
  - Was she expecting a resurrected Christ?
  - Did she recognize the angels and Jesus? Explain.
  - How did Jesus get Mary Magdalene's attention?
  - What did He say?
  - Why do you think she recognized Him?
5. This is the first time Mary Magdalene is required to walk by faith.
  - According to Hebrews 11:1, what is faith?
  - Is faith easy for you? Why or why not?
6. Pastor Ruben said, "The battlefield of your faith is where the visible and the invisible intersect."
  - What does this mean to you?
  - Can you think of any bible characters where the visible was contrary to the invisible? Talk about that story. One famous story is found in 2 Kings 6.
7. What are you facing right now in your life that is challenging your faith?
8. What does Isaiah 41:10 mean to you?

What does the word, "anxious" look like to you?

9. What does 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 mean to you?
  - Compare it with Colossians 3:1-3.

- What do these verses mean to you?
- What jumps out at you? Why?

10. What does 2 Corinthians 5:7 mean to you?

**Application**

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- God promises to “**strengthen you.**”
- God will “**help you**”.
- There is so much power in what we “**see**” with our eyes.
- We have to hit the “**trust**” in God button when our circumstances are difficult.