

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Singing: 54:1-5 – 220:1, 2, 6 – 212:1-3 – 187:1-4

Intro: Mentored by Jesus's examples of ministry: 1 Peter. 2:21-25

Jesus' examples on you how to minister to fellow believers

I. Jesus' example how you minister to a discouraged seeker 21:11-17

A. Mary went *from lost to found to feeling deserted* (Mark 16:9-11; Luke 8:2)

B. Jesus' ministry example is our direction:

1. He looked out for her: Heb. 10:24; John 9:35; John 10:14
2. He took initiative reach out to her: John 20:14; 19; 24; Lk 24:15
3. He invited her to share her heart's trouble w/ questions: 20:15; Lk 24:17
4. He drew her attention to Himself away from *reality she looked at*: 20:15-16
5. He encouraged her to live by faith: 20:17b

II. Jesus' example how you minister to deeply fallen believers: John 20:17

A. All eleven have deeply failed the Master: Mark 14:50; 14:66-72; Gal. 6:1-3

B. Ponder Jesus' first message to His fallen disciples: vs. 17b

C. Heart of Jesus' message to them is His richest Gospel promise: vs. 17b

1. His announcement is the key to a 'new life' (Rom. 8:33-34)
2. Imitate to share with fallen brothers/sisters rich dosage of Gospel (CoF 26)

Dear children,

Tonight you will hear more about the risen Jesus. Some of the questions on this paper will **not** be answered in the sermon. Ask your parents when you get home to find the answers if you don't know them. May God help you to listen well and learn to love and trust the Lord Jesus.

1. After Jesus rose, how long did He stay on earth before He went to heaven?

2. True/False:

___ After Jesus rose from death, He started to preach again in Jerusalem.

___ The way Jesus took care of His disciples tells us how we are to do it.

___ On the first day of His resurrection, Jesus met with Mary, John, Peter, and Paul.

___ Mary Magdalene was once filled with seven devils.

___ When Jesus saves you, you will want to honor Him and be near Him.

3. What can you tell about Mary Magdalene from this story?

4. Jesus did seek out Mary when she was very sad and needy. What do you do when you see other children sad, lonely, and needy?

5. True/False:

___ Jesus told Mary to go tell them that He was risen from the dead.

___ If you are a believer in Jesus, you are part of a world-big-family.

___ The Jesus in heaven today is the same as Jesus was on earth.

6. Do you think you might have treated Jesus wrongly like the disciples did? How can we treat Jesus wrongly?

7. How does Jesus' example encourage you even if you feel bad about how you treated Him?

