

But the women at the tomb argue differently. What matters is faithfulness, not power or prestige or popularity. This way of discipleship is the same regardless of who you are.

Popular Christianity, whether online or in the media or in your church small group, can focus on worldly benefits. The famous get attention. The do-gooders are praised. **Have you ever felt lost among all the “celebrity” Christians?**

In what ways can you encourage someone in their quiet obedience to Jesus?

In Mark 16:4–7, the women find Jesus’s tomb empty. Instead of a body to prepare, they are greeted by an awe-inspiring angel, proclaiming the fulfillment of Jesus’s promise: He. Is. Not. Here!

What does the angel tell the women to do?

Why do you think the angel specifically mentioned Peter?

The disciples had abandoned Jesus, but Peter had gone out of his way to deny he knew Jesus three times. It’s not hard to put ourselves in his shoes after that kind of failure. But here the angel has a specific message from the risen Jesus for Peter: Jesus still wants him.

Have you ever believed that something you’ve done, thought, or said might be too much for Jesus to forgive? How have you dealt with that burden?

Peter is a comforting figure. **What does his story tell you about Jesus’s capacity to forgive and restore?**
