

INTRO

- Have you ever felt overlooked or underestimated in a situation? How did that affect you?
- Why do you think God often chooses people from the margins to carry out His greatest works?

READ

John 20:11–18 (NIV)

“But Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb... Jesus said to her, ‘Mary.’ She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, ‘Rabboni!’ (which means “Teacher”). Jesus said, ‘Go to my brothers and tell them...’”

Luke 8:1–3 (NIV)

“...and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out...”

REFLECT

The Beginning - Obscure and Oppressed

“Her life had been thoroughly dominated by darkness... Yet Jesus saw her.”

Qu: What does it say about God’s character that He would choose someone like Mary Magdalene for such a significant role?

Qu: In what ways has Jesus lifted you out of past pain or brokenness?

The Middle - Faithful

“Faithfulness in quiet places matters to God.”

Qu: How do you respond when God asks you to be faithful in seasons of obscurity or silence?

The End – Called and Commissioned

“Jesus said, ‘Mary.’”

Qu: What do you think Mary felt when Jesus said her name?

Key Truth:

Resurrection means the story can be rewritten—and your voice has a place in God’s mission.

RESPOND

Qu: Which part of Mary’s journey do you most relate to—her broken past, her quiet faithfulness, or her bold witness?

PRAY

We all have area of our lives that we fall short from responding passionately from the goodness and mercy of God.

- Pray for one another in whatever areas we feel God is leading us to respond more like Mary.
- Pray for our church – Every Nation GTA – that God will raise us up to be more like Mary; grateful for our redemption, faithful in our daily lives, and being willing to be His witness to those around us.