

# Mirror / Mirror – Moments of Reflection

## EASTER SUNDAY - 'Tomb to Tomb'

John 1:1-3, Luke 5:1-11, John 21:1-6, 15-17

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*The following questions are intended to use in discussion and application of the past week's sermon.*

#### **Listening**

What part of the sermon was most helpful to you or challenged you to think and/or live differently? How will you apply this message to your life?

#### **Engaging**

If you are not familiar (or even if you are) with the account of Elijah and the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18-19), it might be a fascinating, powerful story to read together, praying the same prayer Elijah prayed (chapter 18, verse 37) over all who gathered on Easter Sunday.

This series has been full of reflections where the Lord used points of struggle, despair, and failure to ultimately be the exact same point of redemption. Can you come up with other biblical examples (throughout the Old and New Testament)? There's quite a lot of them!

#### **Applying**

The women at the tomb were facing very real sorrow and struggles. Moreover, Pastor John pointed out that even spiritual heroes (i.e. Elijah) feel the realness of the struggles they face. Even Jesus wept (John 11:35). Even as he knew Lazarus's death miraculously wasn't going to be the end of his earthly story, he still felt the very real struggle. Discuss how this helps us reconcile the realities of struggle and sorrow and the promise of hope that our faith offers us.

#### **Praying**

Please continue praying for the people impacted by the war in Ukraine.

In light of this message and discussion:

How can we pray for each other?

Where do you feel challenged or convicted?

What can we praise God for?

How can we pray for our church?



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