

**Transformed by Love – Mary Magdelene**

**Key Truth/Principle:** God’s love transforms us!

**Key Verse(s):** *…John 20:1-18*

**Suggested format:** Social time/ice-breaker, Word, worship with communion and prayer

**Key Point(s)**

* God’s love transformed Mary Magdelene and gave her a future.
* God brought Mary into His family.
* God’s transforming love gives us purpose – to live dedicated to Him and share His love with others.

**\*\* TOP TIPS \*\***

**Remember people are indwelt with the Spirit – expect them to have something to bring – most just need permission and clarity, and yearn for depth.**

* **WELCOME:** Have fun, involve everyone, keep it moving
* **WORSHIP:** Deliberately LEAD people into stepping out – most people appreciate specific guidance and feel released to know how to participate (e.g. let’s read a Psalm together and use the words to help us worship, let’s listen to this song, let’s sing now, let’s have a time of prophecy and hearing from God, if you feel you want to start a song please do). Encourage gifts!
* **PRAYER:** Weave into all you do, respond to things as they come up and help people by being specific (e.g. let’s all go round and pray shorts prayers thanking God for a particular characteristic
* **WORD**: Some folks would not have been there on Sunday – don’t; worry too much about recapping, just dive into questions. Splitting people into pairs/small groups with specific question and a time frame usually brings out the best discussion and involvement of everyone.

**KEY QUESTIONS**

1. Why do you think that John chose to focus in on Mary Magdelene in his account of ‘The Empty tomb’? Discuss in your group the emotions Mary would have felt on that day.

2. How do we come to a place where we are totally committed to following and serving Jesus out of love not performance?

3. In twos or threes share how God has transformed you from ‘death to life’. Maybe practise giving a short testimony of how knowing Jesus has transformed you personally, as if you were sharing with an unbelieving friend/colleague/neighbour etc.