

Home Group Discussion Guide

Mark: Late Additions – Mark 16:9-20

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The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.

*The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.*

Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked, instead respond to the needs of your group. If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).

GETTING STARTED

1. Do you prefer a story to have a tidy conclusion, or do you enjoy a bit of mystery at the end? Why?
2. How did the illustration of house extensions change how you viewed this difficult passage?

REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

Key Scripture: Mark 16:1-20

Consider Mark 16:1-8

1. If verse 8 was the only ending you had, what would be your biggest unanswered question?
2. Gavin mentions that "some people need the mystery." How can an "incomplete" story actually invite us deeper into faith?

Consider Mark 16:9-20

(Including the footnote)

3. How do these 2 later additions change the way you would feel about the ending of the Gospel?
4. The later additions provide "theological clarity." What are the non-negotiable truths highlighted across all the endings?

RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

1. Which of the three "needs" mentioned (mystery, clarity, or task) resonates most with you in your current season of faith?
2. Who is one person you can share the "good news" with this week—not perfectly, but honestly?

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.

