

**Gospel of Mark**  
**5 Marks of Genuine Faith**  
For the week of **April 16, 2017**

*Apply today's message throughout the week by utilizing this Growth Guide individually, with your family, or in your group.*

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**GOAL:** This week we celebrate the resurrected Jesus and take a look at what genuine faith looks like.

**GET GOING:**

1. What kind of Easter traditions did you have growing up?

2. Pastor Ron shared many things that need explaining if Jesus didn't rise from the dead. Which of these do you find most convincing? Have you heard of any others?

3. Which marks of genuine faith do you see in your own life? Are any missing? What can you do to grow in these areas?

**BONUS THOUGHT:**

The Jewish Sabbath was (and still is) on Saturday. After Jesus rose from the dead on a Sunday, His disciples shifted their weekly day of worship to Sunday, which continues to this day.



**KEEP GROWING**

4. While Mark's gospel account ends abruptly, others record what happens after. Read John 20. In this passage, the resurrected Jesus appears to His disciples.



- With whom do you identify most in the story? The women who were looking for Him? Thomas who doubted Him? The disciples who were afraid?

- Even the most devoted disciples can have times of doubt, like Thomas. Have you ever experienced any doubt about Jesus? How has God met you in those times?

- Verses 30-31 tell of the purpose of John's gospel account. Do you believe in Jesus? If so, how can you grow in your faith? If not, what is holding you back?

5. While the disciples in Mark's gospel didn't say anything because they were afraid, we learned this morning that genuine faith loves enough to share. If you've accepted Jesus into your life, who has God placed around you who needs to hear about Him? How can you share your genuine faith with this person?

**BONUS CHALLENGE:**

**What's Your Next Step?**

Whether it's your first time at Highpoint, or you've been here for years, we all have a next step to take in our faith. Maybe you need to join a church, maybe you need to join a small group, maybe you need to start giving. Whatever it is, we want to help. Head out to the Next Steps area or go to [www.highpoint.church](http://www.highpoint.church) to explore which next step is right for you.