

Message Reflection Guide

John 19:38–20:10 – The Door Is Open

Conversation Starter

Describe a time when you've been locked out—whether from a house, car, or an opportunity. What emotions did you experience, and how did the situation resolve?

Discussion Points

Read John 19:38-20:10

The Filled Tomb Gives Us Access to God

Read **John 19:38-42, Hebrews 10:19-22**. How does Hebrews 10:19-22 explain the access believers now have to God through Jesus? How does this contrast with the Old Testament system of atonement?

Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus stepped out in faith to care for Jesus's body. When have you had to take a courageous step in your faith? How did God meet you in that moment?

The torn curtain in Matthew 27 symbolized that nothing separates us from God anymore. Are there any barriers in your life—guilt, fear, past mistakes—that keep you from fully approaching Him? How can you step into His presence with confidence?

The Empty Tomb Gives Us New Life

Read **John 20:1-10, 1 Corinthians 15:21-22**. In 1 Corinthians 15:21-22, Paul contrasts Adam and Christ. What does this passage say about how the resurrection reverses the effects of sin and death?

Mary Magdalene initially assumed someone had taken Jesus's body. Have you ever struggled to see God working in your life, only realizing later that He was present all along?

John was the first disciple to truly believe in Jesus's resurrection (John 20:8). What does it mean to truly believe in Jesus—not just intellectually, but with deep personal trust? How can you grow in this kind of faith?

Challenge

Many believers receive salvation but resist letting the Holy Spirit transform their lives. Have you locked the door to the Holy Spirit's guidance in any area of your life? What would it look like to surrender fully?

The resurrection gives us *new life beyond comprehension*. How can you practically live out this new life in your daily routine—at work, in your relationships, and in your personal walk with God?

Prayer

Father, thank You for the gift of salvation and the victory of the resurrection. Today, we stand in awe of Jesus' sacrifice—the filled tomb that gave us access to You, and the empty tomb that offers us new life.

Holy Spirit, unlock every door we've closed to Your presence. Teach us to walk boldly, embracing the power of the resurrection in every decision, relationship, and challenge. May we reflect Jesus in our words, actions, and love.

Thank You for making a way for us to be with You. We receive Your presence, Your peace, and the new life You offer. In Jesus's name, Amen.

