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*Together*

POPE FRANCIS' EASTER MESSAGE

*Group Questions*

1. What struck you from the podcast?
2. What was a little hidden “Easter egg” that you found this year?
3. In this cloistered time, how will you take silence to hear God speak to you, so you can emerge a resurrected person?
4. What are small gestures of care, affection, and prayer that you can make this week?
5. What are the stones you place in front of hope?

*Journal Questions*

1. Reflect and journal about this scripture: Matthew 28:1-7. What does it speak to you personally?
2. Put yourselves in the position of one of the women throughout the Passion narrative. How do you react?
3. What is the mountain that overwhelms you? How can you focus on the next right step?
4. What are the places that you self protect and possibly miss out on a gift that God wants to give you?

*Quote to Ponder*

“After the Sabbath’ (Mt 28:1), the women went to the tomb. This is how the Gospel of this holy Vigil began: with the Sabbath. It is the day of the Easter Triduum that we tend to neglect as we eagerly await the passage from Friday’s cross to Easter Sunday’s Alleluia. This year however, we are experiencing, more than ever, the great silence of Holy Saturday.” - Pope Francis