

A Cathedral of Astonishment

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SERMON STUDY QUESTIONS

Welcome

1) What is the most beautiful building, or thing in nature, you have ever seen firsthand? Tell the story of your first encounter with it.

Word

Read Mark 16:1-8

- 1) What does the original ending of Mark's gospel (Mark 16:8) end so abruptly?
- 2) In what ways is Christianity working out the implications of the resurrection?
- 3) What words would you use to describe the feeling of the women who found the tomb empty?
- 4) Why does "Americanized" Christianity seem to lack astonishment?
- 5) Consider the following statement: *"Only something endowed with mystery is worthy of love. It's impossible to love something stripped of mystery; at best it would be a thing we use as we see fit."* –Hans Urs von Balthasar. Why is mystery an important component to Christian faith?
- 6) Why do so many desire of faith that is more practical than awe-inspiring? What are the key problems with reducing the faith down to something we can use?
- 7) Why is beauty and mystery necessary to make Christianity possible for the next generation?
- 8) What are the differences between "selling" Jesus as a commodity and witnessing to the beauty of Gospel?

Work

- 1) What can you do this week in order to rediscover the beauty and mystery of the Christian faith?

Worship

- 1) Psalm for the Day - Sun: 95 / Mon: 96 / Tue: 97 / Wed: 98 / Thu: 99 / Fri: 100 / Sat: 101
- 2) Pray for each other