**Unshakable Hope: Viewer Guide**

**Session 9: Joy is Coming Soon**

**KEY STORY**: Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene (John 20:11-18)

**GOD'S PROMISE**: Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning. (Psalm 30:5 NLT)

**MY PROMISE**: I will praise God before my prayer is answered.

**Group Discussion**

1. What statement in the video teaching affected you the most? Why?
2. How does the joy Mary Magdalene found that morning she encountered the risen Jesus encourage you to endure any sorrow you are facing?
3. How does it impact you to know the risen Jesus was not too holy, too otherly, too divine, or too supernatural to receive a hug from Mary?
4. Why do believers in Christ so often withdraw from community when they are in the midst of sorrow? How can your group create an atmosphere of acceptance for someone to share when dealing with sorrow or struggles?
5. What is your specific action step to live out this promise of God this week?

**PRAY** - Close your time together with prayer. Remember to share prayer requests and review how God has answered past prayers and fulfilled his promises. Use the questions below to shape and grow your group's experience during this time.

* What joys did you experience this week for which you would like to give God praise?
* What sorrows or struggles are weighing on your heart for which the group can pray?
* Are there people in your life who are struggling with sorrow and pain? How can the group pray for them?