

# Week 7: Being Hope for Others



"Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples."

Matthew 28:8

*Read the full Gospel  
Matthew 28:1-10*

We have been granted a great gift in our world, the gift of our own life. And while Easter reminds us that we are destined for eternal life, it also speaks to the good news of our life in the here and now.

We are called to become faithful stewards of God's grace, employing whatever gift we have received to share with others, to be good news to others. Our stewardship begins with celebrating the gifts we have received from God. We have the opportunity every day to unwrap the gift of God's world. We can be thankful for the gift of our own self, the mystery of our thoughts, emotions and body. And we can give thanks for our unique giftedness. People discover their giftedness as singers, dancers, artists, educators, welcomers, leaders, designers, builders, listeners, healers, athletes, and so much more.

How do we responsibly cultivate the gifts we have been given? How do we look after and nurture our own self? How do we cultivate our relationships with others, and care for our world? For example, if we have a good singing voice, how might we strengthen it? If we have been affirmed for our technical skills, how might we explore this passion?

As intentional disciples, being good stewards of our gifts, we are also called to share them with generosity. How do we offer our gift of music, art, leadership, welcoming, energising others, prayerfulness and so on? Finally, a faithful steward gives the best of themselves. The women at the tomb went racing to share the good news! They didn't first spend their days doing everything else that occupied their time. May we be filled with the same Easter joy, racing to offer the good news, and to share the gift of our life.

## *For Reflection*

How might we further encourage both ourselves and other people to come to know and share their gifts with our broader community?