

Easter Sunday

Week 2 – The Resurrection through the Eyes of Peter

Transition: In last week's text, Peter learned several facts about Jesus and several facts about himself, through events leading up to the crucifixion.

Check Point: Would anyone like to share something they worked on from last week's discussion?

Context: In this week's text we will examine the resurrection through the eyes of Peter. Our story starts with Mary discovering the empty tomb and ends with Jesus' restoration of Peter after breakfast on the beach.

Opening Questions:

- Did you ever race with other kids throughout the school year to see who was the fastest? If so, describe the event.
- Have you ever caught a fish that you thought was going to break the line? If so, what were you feeling when you reeled the fish to shore?

Scripture/Storying: Mark 16:1-10; John 20:1-10; John 21:1-19

Discipleship Questions:

- What is the Holy Spirit teaching you through this story? How does it impact the way you think and live?
- What does the empty tomb mean to you personally?
- After all that has transpired, what can you infer about Peter's statement, "I am going fishing"? What comfortable and familiar things do you run to after experiencing defeat?
- Why do you think those that were with Peter said, "We will go with you"? Can you recall a time when you felt defeat and others stayed close to you? Describe the experience and how their presence helped you. Is there someone around you that needs friends nearby? How is God leading you to be a supporting presence for them?
- Do you struggle with accepting love from God after you have failed? If so, why? What truths from God's word will you arm yourself with when you are struggling to accept love from God?
- Would you agree that a desire to care for God's people is evidence of a changed life? Why so? How has God equipped you to care for his people? How are you currently caring for his sheep? What makes caring for Jesus' sheep challenging to you?
- What does following Jesus mean to you? Does a person really follow Jesus if they are not willing to suffer on his behalf?
- Which Peter do you most identify with: Proud Peter, Shattered Peter, or Beloved Peter? Explain why.

Prayer time: Zimbabwe Mission Trip

Please pray for our mission team heading to Zimbabwe from April 17th-28th! Pray for the safety and good health of the team as they travel and acclimate to their new environment. Pray for Mark Dresbach and Stacey Bearden as they preach on Easter Sunday; may the Lord open hearts to salvation in Him. Pray for the Lord to guide the team as they train Indigenous Pastors in our discipleship training. Pray that the Lord will increase a passion for discipleship that continues to multiply as Indigenous Pastors begin to train those within their churches. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless Redeem All Ministries and use them for His Glory!