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Witnessing
the Risen
Christ

Peter's
encounter

The Risen
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Session 1: Witnessing the Risen Christ

1. Have you witnessed Christ at all in your life during this Easter season?

2. How can the word *witness* be both a passive verb and an actionable one?

3. Mary went to the tomb on the third day with burial linens expecting to find Jesus' body. Are *you* surprised that Mary expected to find Jesus' body even though He said He would resurrect? Have you ever doubted the promise that Jesus has made to you? Why?

4. In thinking about the impact on Mary of Jesus calling her name, what does it mean to you that Jesus knows your name?

5. Think back on the last few Sunday services. Was there something there that seemed repetitive to you? Is there an area of your life it could be speaking to?

6. Describe a time when you were redirected by the word of God when you were doing something you shouldn't have.

7. When have you felt ill-equipped to be a witness of Christ?

8. On the way to Emmaus, Jesus taught the disciples about Himself using what we now know as the Old Testament. How can we continually use Scripture, even the Old Testament, to solidify our faith in Jesus and help us be a witness?

Bible References

John 20:14-16

Luke 24:25-26

Session 2: Peter's encounter

1. Jesus gave Peter a second chance. What does it feel like when you've been given a second chance?

2. What does repenting of and being remorseful over your sin have to do with how much you love Jesus?

3. Why might the sincerity of our love for Jesus be called into question?

4. Why is love essential for serving Jesus and others? Can you think of an instance when there could be a different motivation for serving?

5. Is openly declaring your love for Jesus necessary? How can you openly declare your love for Him?

6. Despite his mistakes and missteps, the Lord still loved Peter and restored him so he could be a powerful messenger of the Gospel. How does Peter's story gives us hope as we reflect on our own mistakes?

Bible References

John 21:17

Matthew 16:16

Luke 22:34

Matthew 5:4

Session 3: The Risen Christ today

1. Where do you see Christ in the small, mundane things of life?

2. How can you be a witness of Christ with your time? With your money?

3. What do you think the Holy Spirit's purpose is?

4. What is the calling of both the apostles today and the apostles of Christ's time? Is there significance to the fact that their calling has remained the same through all this time?

5. How can you feel the power of Christ's resurrection every day?

6. Paul taught about the importance of the resurrection. In Romans 10:9, Paul wrote, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." What does this verse teach us about the power of the resurrection and our witnessing of it?

7. Do you consider yourself a witness of Christ? How can the Holy Spirit encourage you in your witnessing of Him?

Bible References

John 20:17

Acts 1:5, 8

Philippians 3:10