

The Heart of the Matter

14. With the information you have about Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, how does your fear of others and your love for Jesus sometimes conflict?

15. In spite of past failures and fears, what will you do this week to show your love for Jesus?

16. How will the resurrection of Jesus help you deal with your grief over the loss of a loved one in the future?

17. In your view, what is the most convincing evidence that Jesus rose from the dead?

18. Just as He did with Mary at the gravesite, how has Jesus spoken your name in a time of grief or despair?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

Peace Be With You John 20:19-31 For the Week of April 14, 2024

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. Did you ever have a hard time believing something that seemingly everyone else believed?
3. What kind of evidence do you need to convince you of things?

Digging Deeper

4. Why do you think the disciples are afraid (V19) at this point?

5. Why do you think Thomas was not with the rest of the disciples on that Easter night when Jesus appeared to them? (V24)

6. What are the implications of Jesus' words in verse 21, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you"?

7. What are the implications of verse 22? Is this the same event that took place at Pentecost which is recorded in Acts 2? Why is forgiveness tied to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit?

8. What do you think is at the core of Thomas' doubt? (V25)

9. How does Jesus deal with Thomas' doubt? (V29)

10. What is significant with the way Thomas responds in verse 28?

11. What are the implications of what Jesus says in verse 29?

12. What is the author's purpose for writing this Gospel? (V30-31; 21:24-25)

13. In what ways has John made it clear that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, through his Gospel account? What passages support this?