



Getting to Know Jesus

Week One: Jesus Is Risen

Series Summary

Most people agree that Jesus was a good and wise person. What separates Jesus from all the good and wise people was that he rose from the dead. The same person that could conquer the grave desires a relationship with each one of us. Through this series we will get to know the person of Jesus better.

Prayer

Open the Group with prayer or have someone volunteer to lead it.

Scripture Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Read out loud the passage from John. After reading it aloud one time, read it again a second time. Have a different person read the Scripture aloud. Then ask the group.

Go around the group and have everyone answer the question: What words or phrases popped out to you as you heard the reading?

Read the passage a third time then go onto the questions below.

Questions

1. Peter describes Jesus as powerful? Is this the way you usually think of Jesus why or why not?
2. Jesus rose from the dead. Why do you think this fact is so central to our faith?
3. Peter says that Jesus ate and drank with the apostles after his resurrection. What does this tell us about Jesus, why do you think he did that?
4. Through this passage, Jesus is described as providing healing and forgiveness. Which of those do you think you need most from Jesus right now?
5. Peter says that he was a witness to the resurrection from the dead. What have you witnessed Jesus do in your life?
6. Through the course of this series we want to get to know Jesus better and grow to know him more personally. On a scale of 1-10 how would you rank your relationship with Christ? Why do you answer as you do? What could help you to deepen your relationship with Christ?

Application

This week choose one of the four Gospels and begin reading through it for 10 minutes a day.

Closing Prayer

Close in prayer by going around and having everyone offer a prayer.



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Week Two: Jesus Believes In Us

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Prayer

Open the Group with prayer or have someone volunteer to lead it.

Scripture Reading: John 20:19-31

Read out loud the passage from John. After reading it aloud one time, read it again a second time. Have a different person read the Scripture aloud. Then ask the group.

Go around the group and have everyone answer the question: What words or phrases popped out to you as you heard the reading?

Read the passage a third time then go onto the questions below.

Questions

1. The reading from John tells us about the first Easter Sunday night. Why had the disciples locked the doors? What do you think they were feeling?
2. What does Jesus say to the apostles when he stands in their midst? What does this reveal about Jesus?
3. Why do you think Jesus showed them his hands and his side?
4. Jesus sends the apostles out on mission even though they had run away from him in his greatest need. What does this reveal about Jesus?
5. Read aloud John 20:27. What kind of expression do you think Jesus had on his face? What tone of voice did he have?
6. Reread John 20:30-31. Why does John say he wrote the Gospel?
7. Through the course of this series we want to get to know Jesus better and grow to know him more personally. On a scale of 1-10 how would you rank your relationship with Christ this week? Why do you answer as you do? What have you been learning about Jesus?

Application

This week choose one of the four Gospels and begin reading through it for 10 minutes a day.

Closing Prayer

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Week Three: Jesus Wants To Encourage Us



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Prayer

Open the Group with prayer or have someone volunteer to lead it.

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Read out loud the passage from Luke. After reading it aloud one time, read it again a second time. Have a different person read the Scripture aloud. Then ask the group.

Go around the group and have everyone answer the question: What words or phrases popped out to you as you heard the reading?

Read the passage a third time then go onto the questions below.

Questions

1. The reading from Luke tells us about the first Easter Sunday night. How would you describe the emotional state of the two disciples? How would you describe your own emotional state right now?
2. How does the Scripture describe how Jesus approached the two disciples so he could enter into their conversation? What does this tell us about Jesus?
3. Read aloud Luke 24:18-19. Why do you think that Jesus asks them what happened?
4. On the journey Jesus helps makes sense of the events of the Passion and properly interprets them. Where in your life are you confused and need Jesus to help you interpret your life properly?
5. Luke tells us that Jesus pretends to be going further when the two disciples reached Emmaus. Imagine that moment in your mind. What did it look like? What does this tell us about Jesus' personality?
6. Jesus is revealed in both the explanation of the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread. What does this tell us about how to get to know Jesus better?
7. Through the course of this series we want to get to know Jesus better and grow to know him more personally. What have you learned or how have you grown closer to Jesus over the last week?

Application

This week choose one of the four Gospels and begin reading through it for 10 minutes a day.

Closing Prayer

Close in prayer by going around and having everyone offer a prayer.



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Week Four: Jesus And His Mother

Series Summary

Most people agree that Jesus was a good and wise person. What separates Jesus from all the good and wise people was that he rose from the dead. The same person that could conquer the grave desires a relationship with each one of us. Through this series we will get to know the person of Jesus better.

Prayer

Open the Group with prayer or have someone volunteer to lead it.

Scripture Reading: John 2: 1-12

Read out loud the passage from John. After reading it aloud one time, read it again a second time. Have a different person read the Scripture aloud. Then ask the group.

Go around the group and have everyone answer the question: What words or phrases popped out to you as you heard the reading?

Read the passage a third time then go onto the questions below.

Questions

1. The wine ran out at the wedding. Why would this have been a big deal for the couple involved?
2. What does Mary's interest in the wine failing reveal about her character and personality.
3. Read aloud John 2:2-5 Imagine that interaction. Keeping in mind that the word "woman" was a sign of respect and the Jesus does what Mary wants him to do. What tone of voice did Jesus and Mary use in speaking to each other?
4. Read John 2:6-7. How much water is turned into wine? What does this tell us about Jesus' character and personality?
5. The miracle at Cana is the first of Jesus' miracles. What does this type of miracle tell us about him?
6. Through the course of this series we want to get to know Jesus better and grow to know him more personally. On a scale of 1-10 how would you relate your relationship with Jesus? Has your evaluation grown through the course of this series?
7. What have you learned or how have grown closer to Jesus over the last week?

Application

This week choose one of the four Gospels and begin reading through it for 10 minutes a day.

Closing Prayer

Close in prayer by going around and having everyone offer a prayer.