

Home Group notes for the week following Sunday 12th April 2015

RESURRECTION APPEARANCE

As We Gather

At least 5 appearances of the living Christ on Resurrection Sunday are recorded in the Bible.
[John 20:11-18; Matthew 28:8-10; 1 Corinthians 15:5 + Luke 24:34; Luke 24:13-32; John 20:19-25]

Reading Scripture JOHN 20 : 19 - 30

Thinking together

In this reading we are able to see the changes that take place in the lives of people who meet the risen Christ

- Fear goes in the presence of Jesus

How did Jesus transform His disciple's fear into joy and courage? Discuss
(John 20:19-25)

Have you met the risen Christ? Has He changed your life? Discuss

- Some people need to doubt before they can believe. Questions lead to answers, and if these are accepted, then faith grows

How do you think Thomas felt about having missed seeing Jesus with the other disciples? Discuss

How was Thomas' unbelief changed to confidence? Discuss
(John 20:26-28)

How have you felt when you have missed a spiritual growth experience because you were not present when it occurred? Discuss

Have you ever had doubts? How were these resolved? Discuss

- Where Jesus is, there is life. The Gospels tell us all we need to know to understand the life and mission of Jesus more fully – for us to live our lives according to the Scriptures (John 20:29-31).

How did you first learn about Jesus? Discuss

Do you sometimes wish you could see Jesus? Is your faith altered / diminished in any way by not seeing Him? Discuss

Do you trust Jesus to keep His promise? [John 3:16; John 5:25] Discuss

In Closing

As you read the Gospel of John you encounter Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God, and learn of our Lord's work, our Lord's walk, and our Lord's words

How does this thought make you feel? Discuss

PRAYER

O God,
you raised up Jesus Christ as your faithful witness and
the first-born of the dead. By your Holy Spirit, help us
to witness to Him so that those who have not yet seen
may come to believe in Him who is, who was, and is to come.
Amen