

**Following Jesus:
Trusting the Resurrected King
John 20:19-31**

1 Corinthians 15:19 – “If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.”

1. He enters where no one else can.
2. He shows Himself to those struggling with unbelief and fear.
3. He offers peace to those who need it the most.

God

Romans 5:1 – “...having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Self

John 14:27 – “...My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled or fearful.”

Followers of Christ

Ephesians 2:14 – “He Himself is our peace, He...broke down the barriers of hostility....”

World

Romans 12:18 – “If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”

4. He gives purpose, joy, and courage to those who have failed.

Jeremiah 32:40-41 – “I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them... I will rejoice in doing them good.”

Faith Sheet

Transformation verse – "...be filled with the Spirit." Ephesians 5:18

Main Themes

- ~ The Lord Jesus promised to come and live a perfect life, die for our sins, and rise again and that is what He did. (Isaiah 53 and Acts 1:1-3)
- ~ Jesus gives His true peace to all who put their trust and hope in Him. (Phil. 4:6-7)
- ~ Transformation, courage, and joy are the results of knowing Jesus as the resurrected King. These characteristics seen in us give the world a good reason to believe Jesus is real. (Acts 4:13 and John 15:11)

#1 - Reviewing This Past Sunday

Following Jesus: "Trusting the Resurrected King" John 20:19-31

1. Read John 20:19-31. Discuss the message with someone.
2. How does Jesus Christ personally become our Lord and Savior? (Mark 1:15, Acts 4:12, and Romans 10:9-10)
3. Read Romans 5:1, John 16:33, Galatians 3:28, and Romans 12:18. Where and how are we to enjoy God's peace after trusting in Jesus as our Savior and King?
4. What evidence has God given us that Jesus has risen from the dead and is the Lord God of heaven and earth? (fulfilled prophecies...etc.)
5. Who or what is the King or Lord of your life? How do you know? (See 1 John 3:23, 2:3-4)
6. Pray for an opportunity to show and share the gospel of Christ this week.

2 - Preparing for Next Sunday

Following Jesus: "Doing Greater Works" John 14:1-15

1. Read John 14:1-15. In what ways do you realize this world is not your true home?
2. How didn't Jesus want His disciples to react to His leaving, and what promises does He give to comfort them? (vs. 1-6)
3. What often troubles your heart, and where do you turn for comfort?
4. How do you daily live differently knowing that the Lord Jesus is preparing a place for you in His Father's house?
5. What does the Lord reveal about Himself, and why is this important for our daily lives? (vs.7) (see also Hebrews 1:1-4)
6. What evidence did Jesus give that we can know that He is in the Father and the Father is in Him? (vs. 8-11)
7. What did Jesus say that those who have faith in Him would do? (vs. 12) Does this surprise you? What might this look like today?
8. Why did Jesus say that anyone who trusts in Him would do greater works? (vs. 13-14)
9. How does His promise of greater works relate to verse 15?
10. Encourage one another by discussing what "greater works" are going on in your lives, family, and Community group because you want to bring glory to the Father. Praise Him for who He is and for what He is doing. (see Psalm 145 if you want a guide for your prayers)