

Personal weekly Bible readings to go deeper into Scripture.

Memory Verse: Acts 2:4

Day 1 – Chapter 28 of “The Story”

Day 2 – Acts 1-2

Day 3 – Acts 3-5

Day 4 – Acts 6-8

Day 5 – Accts 9-10; 12

Questions to consider while reading the Bible:

Is there an example to follow?

Is there a sin to avoid?

Is there a promise to rely on?

Is there a command to obey?

Is there a challenge in which to respond?



The Story: The Resurrection

March 30-31, 2013

“The Story” Chapter 27; John 20:1-8

Please use this space to take notes during the message today.



He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Matthew 28:6

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Adult and teen small group discussion points

Please use these discussion questions in your small group or with your teens.

1. How did you celebrate Easter when you were a child?
2. People have always had difficulty believing that Jesus was God in the flesh. (Read 1 John 1:1, 2:22 and 4:2-3) What details did John include in the crucifixion story for his readers to know for certain that Jesus, fully human, had truly died? How does knowing that God came to live among us affect your daily life?
3. Mary stood outside the empty tomb weeping...until Jesus revealed himself to her (John 20:10-18; "The Story," pp. 383-384). What did Jesus teach her about himself? Tell about a moment when your eyes were opened, with greater clarity, and you came to know Jesus in a deeper way than you had before?
4. On the road to Emmaus, the resurrected Jesus taught two men the truth of the Old Testament Scriptures (Luke 24:13-49; "The Story," pp. 384-386). How does understanding the Old Testament help us understand the New Testament?
5. Thomas was not willing to believe Jesus was alive until he saw Him with his own eyes (John 20:24-29, "The Story," p. 386). When Jesus revealed Himself to Thomas, how did He seek to meet Thomas right where he was and help him move toward faith? How has God met you similarly?
6. List everything you have learned about Jesus' resurrection body from this chapter. Why is Jesus' literal, physical resurrection a non-negotiable teaching of the Christian faith? (See Romans 1:4, 4:25 and 1 Corinthians 15:17.)
7. Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-23, 42-49. What does Jesus' resurrection mean for you personally and for all believers?
8. The risen Jesus met the disciples while they were fishing (John 21:1-19; "The Story," pp. 386-388). How did Peter respond when he realized it was Jesus? What did Jesus do to restore Peter and set him back on course to live a life of service? What does Peter's restoration reveal about Jesus' heart and how does it apply to you personally?
9. Before Jesus ascended back to the upper story of heaven, He called His followers to specific tasks (Matthew 28:16-20; "The Story," p. 388). What did Jesus call them (and us) to do and what is God's part and our part in this mission?
10. How does focusing on Jesus' resurrection and the assurance of our own, bring hope and strength in life's tough times?



Close in prayer.

Family's with kids discussion points

Please use these discussion questions with your children.

Message scripture: "He is not here! He has risen, just as he said he would."
Matthew 28:6

1. Jesus appeared to several different people after rising from the dead. Each incident was very different. Talk about each one:
2. Mary Magdalene was doubled-over crying at the tomb when Jesus showed up and she didn't recognize him. Why do you think she didn't recognize him?
3. Cleopas and a friend were walking to Emmaus when Jesus started talking to them about recent events. Jesus explained what all the Scriptures said about him. When Cleopas and his friend recognized Jesus, he disappeared. How surprised do you think they were? What did they learn from Jesus?
4. When Jesus appeared to the disciples, He asked for something to eat. Why did He do that? Talk about what it would've been like for the disciples to see their beloved Jesus again.
5. Thomas missed Jesus' first appearance to the disciples and said he wouldn't believe unless he touched the holes in Jesus' hands. When Jesus appeared, Thomas believed without touching the holes. Why?
6. Jesus said people are more blessed who believe without seeing. How does that make you feel about your relationship with Christ?
7. Do you think you'll be able to appear in different places when you're in heaven?

Pray together: Dear God, just as you raised Jesus from the dead, I know that one day You will also raise me. Thank you for making me Your child through baptism, giving me new life. Help me to always remember whose I am. Thank You for sending Jesus to earth to win victory over Satan so that I can live with You forever in heaven. Amen

