

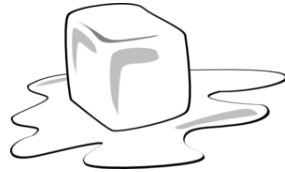
Home Group Study Guide

Sermon Title: Jesus Is Here

Sermon Series: Jesus Is _____

Sermon Scripture: John 20:19-29

Sermon Synopsis: God is not distant. He's right here walking with us. He's knocking at the door of our hearts. Will you let him in? In this sermon, we explore how Jesus reveals Himself to the disciples and how his appearance changes them and changes us today.



ICEBREAKER

If you could have an endless supply of any food, what would you choose?



THINK & READ

Have someone read John 20:19-23

Which circumstances in your life need to hear “Peace to you,” from Jesus Christ?

How has God/Jesus Christ reminded you that He is present in the middle of your fear/circumstances?

Have someone read John 20:24-25

Thomas is commonly referred to as “Doubting Thomas” because of these two verses. He needed to see Jesus in order to believe. Who in your life needs to experience the peace, the power, and the forgiveness of Jesus Christ? How can you bring it to them? How can you help reveal Jesus Christ to them?

Have someone read John 20:26-29

How has faith replaced doubt in your life? How are you a disciple?

Is there a time where you felt God’s presence in your life? Explain. How did it feel to have God with you?

Share an experience when “Jesus showed up” in your life. How did it change you? ...your circumstances?

Pastor Zach talked about these 4 things from the story in John 20:19-29:

- 1.) Because Jesus is here, you have nothing to fear
- 2.) Because Jesus is here, your purpose is crystal clear
- 3.) Because Jesus is here, you are more powerful than you appear
- 4.) Because Jesus is here, all doubts can disappear

Which one of those 4 do you struggle with the most? Which one comes easiest to you?

Pastor Zach explained that when we base our life on happiness we turn into pretty miserable people, always needing something new or something great or something exciting to stimulate us. But rather than living for happiness, the best thing you can live for is a cause. That these are in fact the happiest people. What “cause” moves you? How can you get involved and live out your calling?

What is your purpose? Your mission? Tell it to the group.



PRAYER

Take individual prayer requests from those your Home Group. Then take some time to pray out loud for the people in your Home Group.