

Small group discussion questions

Chapter 20

Comprehension- What stood out to you in this chapter?

Interpretation-

Why was mentioning the strips of linen and burial cloth an important detail to include in this gospel?

When Jesus appears to his disciples the 2 separate occasions he says, "Peace be with you" three times. The 2nd time he appears, he also *breathes* on them and says "receive the Holy Spirit". Why is all of this noteworthy?

Application

Why is the resurrection so crucial to our faith?

Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit so that we can do his will, is it a good idea to do his will without the guidance of the Holy Spirit? Why/why not?

Verse 29 says blessed are those who haven't see and yet have believed, do you believe without seeing or do you struggle with this?

Chapter 21

Comprehension- What stood out to you in this chapter?

Interpretation

People aren't readily recognizing Jesus (v4 and again the implication in v12), how do you understand this? Does he look/sound so differently than before ?

Jesus questions/drills Peter three different times, why was this exchange so necessary and so important? (Verses 15-23)

Application

Do you truly love Jesus? Are you willing to feed his lambs, take care of and feed his sheep? How does that currently look in your life?