

**April 19, 2009**

**John 20:10-18**

## **The Resurrection**

**Rev. Gilo Gora from Gambella, Ethiopia**

**Sunday, April 26**

**3:00-5:30**

Stories of Gambella

Aniak Drummers

Hors d-oeuvres will be served

**6:05**

Rev. Gilo Gora shares in worship

**7:15-9:00**

**All African Coffee House**

Food, Music and Stories

Information about several African missions we are connected with

Find out more from the FPC April Newsletter, the April 19<sup>th</sup> Bulletin or contact Mary Beth Baker at 466-4807.

Is everyone in your group aware of our partnership with the church in Gambella, Ethiopia? Share with each other what you know about the Aniak Meer Ministry? What do you know about other missions in Africa that FPC is connected with?

Consider coming as a group to the gatherings next Sunday to experience more of what God is doing as we connect with brother and sisters in Africa. See panel to the left for more information.

**READ** John 20:10-18

(Questions are from the Serendipity New Testament for Groups, NIV)

Do you think you would have responded more like the men or like Mary? Why?

Does Mary appear to be quietly grieving, or more hysterical?

What finally breaks through her grief and confusion?

How does her return to the disciples here contrast to that in vs. 2?

What term does Jesus use for his disciples here? What is new in their relationship from now on (see 15:15)?

### **RESURRECTION NOW**

Using the example of Mary Magdalene from today's scripture Rev. Gora said we see that love and faith are both necessary to see Jesus.

How do you see this playing out in today's scripture story?

In what ways do you find this to be true in your story?

Rev. Gilo Gora shared a story of when he earnestly sought God and God was revealed to him.

Share a story in your life when you earnestly sought God and God was revealed to you.

Rev. Gora encouraged us to seek to be united as Americans and remember the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. He suggested the results might be that someone will come to know Jesus and become the leader of the world.

Discuss some ways we can seek to be united in Christ.

What would it look like to remember the Resurrection in these situations?

Dream and imagine what results might come of this.

Are you expecting to see Jesus each day?

Is this really possible? How might it be?

Where/How do you "stay a little longer" so that you have the opportunity to see Jesus; to receive and share the in the activity of the Holy Spirit because of the Resurrection?

### **PRAY TOGETHER!**

Stay a little longer and listen for where to pray for the reality and power of the Resurrection in your lives.