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John 21:15-17, Luke 24:44-49,

Matthew 28:19-20

The Reality of the Resurrection for Mission

What are you passionate about? - a music group, a hobby, your grandkids, etc.
What makes it easy to tell people about your love for this thing?

As you read through the scriptures write down what stands out to you. Note words or phrases that catch your attention, overall impressions you get, and a sense of what the characters were feeling.

READ John 21:15-17

Why do you think Jesus asked Peter the same thing three times?

How do you think Peter felt during this conversation?

Why do you think this conversation was so important to Peter?

What did you write down that stood out to you in these verses?

READ Luke 24:44-49

Why do you think Jesus chose these things to tell his disciples?

What does Jesus tell them is going to happen?

What does Jesus tell them to do?

What is pivotal about this conversation?

What did you write down that stood out to you in these verses?

READ Matthew 28:19-20

What actions are commanded in these verses?

What resources are promised in order to carry out these actions?

What is pivotal about this conversation?

What did you write down that stood out to you in these verses?

RESURRECTION IN OUR REALITY

In John 21 Peter has a conversation with Jesus that is pivotal in his life. There is a connection made between his love for Jesus and his call to follow him. Randy Brothers in "Sent to Follow" shared a similar pivotal conversation he had with Jesus as he sat on a hillside in Tijuana. This conversation came out of Randy questioning how to make the connection.

Have you had a pivotal conversation with Jesus in your life that has helped you connect your love for him with your call to be his witness? If so, how has this affected your life? If not, what questions about this connection are you wrestling with?

John compared the stage FPC is in right now to being pregnant. We are at a prime place for some pivotal conversation with Jesus.

What is your understanding of what it means for us to be pregnant or at a pivotal point in our corporate life?

The image of pregnancy carries with it excitement about expecting new life.

What possibilities of new life among us are you excited about?

What are the "ultrasound" glimpses you see as clues to the shape of this new life? How/What do you think we should be praying at this time?

PRAY TOGETHER!

Spend time asking Jesus to help us connect our love for him with his call to be witnesses to that love. Pray especially for our session as they are the point group for our pivotal conversation with Jesus.

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Externally Focused**