

# He's Alive

## John 20

### CONNECTING

1. Welcome and opening prayer.
2. Introduce any guests.
3. What is the most dramatic news headline story you recall from your lifetime?



### LOVING ONE ANOTHER (Deepening Spiritual Growth)



1. Contrast the teaching of reincarnation with the teaching of the resurrection. For example, which one of these devalues the person and which one gives value to the person? Which one is accomplished through the power of God?
2. List the four appearances of Jesus that are recorded in *John 20 and 21*.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
3. Read through *John 20:1-18* and answer the following:
  - a. Who was the other disciple that outran Simon?
  - b. Who was Mary Magdeline? What did Jesus do for her? How did she react to His death on the cross?
  - c. What had happened to her emotionally in verse 11?
  - d. Describe a person who has lost hope. What is it like?
  - e. How did Mary get her hope back? (Read *John 20:16-18*)
4. Read *John 20:19-23*. What were the disciples doing behind closed doors?
  - What was their emotional state?
  - How did the appearance of Jesus change them?
5. Read *John 20:24-30*. What kind of a person was Thomas?
  - What was he like before he met Jesus?
  - How did Jesus change him?
  - How did the crucifixion affect him?
    - a. What happens to people who lose their faith?

- b. How did he get his faith back?
  - c. How can we help other people get their faith back?
6. What are these things written according to *John 20:31*?
7. Read *John 21*. Where is Peter and what is he doing when Jesus comes and appears to him?
- a. How did Peter get disconnected from Jesus' love? What did he do that made him feel like such a failure?
  - b. In verses 15-21, how does Jesus reinstate Peter? Another way of asking that, how did Peter get reconnected with God's love? When have you gotten disconnected from the love of God, what do you do to reconnect?
  - c. How important is it for us to be connected to God's love? What's it like to be disconnected from the love of God?
  - d. What's the lesson that we learn from what Jesus says to Peter when he wants to know what John is going to do?  
(*John 21:22-23*)

### SEEKING GOD (Drawing Near to God)



1. Conversational prayer is a very effective way to pray in a small group. It is a prayer that unites people in conversation with God and with each other. Like normal conversations, anyone can speak (pray) as many times as they wish and several people will often pray in agreement for the same request. (Begin your time by praising God for who He is and what He has done.)
2. Consider praying an application prayer, "Lord, help me to do \_\_\_\_\_(what you have show me during this study)?"

### SHARING CHRIST (Declaring the Good News)



1. During the past month, how have you sought to build relationships with those on your Prayer, Care and Share in order to direct them toward a personal relationship with Jesus Christ?
2. What activities might we do as a group or with another ministry of our church in order to reach out to our unsaved friends?

### SERVING OTHERS (Demonstrating God's Love)



1. God has called us to serve one another within the church and together to serve those within the community. What effect does it have when Christians demonstrate God's love through simple but tangible acts of service to those who do not yet know Jesus Christ personally?
  - o Volunteer for 2nd Harvest Food Distribution, the fourth Friday of each month. Call Dean Van Der Werf at 763-561-0146, email [derwerf@comcast.net](mailto:derwerf@comcast.net) or sign-up online

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