

Care Group Homework
(For the week of April 4, 2010)
Being With Jesus - Easter

Getting to know one another:

1. What is one of your favorite Easter memories?
2. What was an Easter tradition in your home?
3. What is your favorite Easter hymn or chorus?

Getting into the Word:

4. Looking back over your sermon notes, was there a particular point or passage of Scripture that challenged, confused or caught your attention?

5. The message took us to many of the events in the life of Christ. What other events would you have mentioned if you were able to add one?

I had to choose events that would tell the story of the life of Christ, while also showing that Peter often seemed to have a different agenda than Jesus. One passage I could have added to help make that point is the passage where they were bringing children to Jesus and the disciples objected.

6. In many of the incidents where Peter was with Jesus he seems to have been corrected. Why do you think that is the case?

It seems to me that Peter just didn't get the message of Christ until after the resurrection. Perhaps a born leader, he often spoke out to Christ, offering an alternative to what Christ had just said or done. He often seems to be seeking to protect Jesus, while Jesus didn't need his protection.

7. How does the way Jesus responded to Peter after the resurrection change Peter's perspective?

The questions concerning Peter's love for Christ, and Christ's ultimate response telling Peter to feed his sheep were a means whereby Jesus reinstated Peter into their relationship without guilt. The resurrection itself must have changed each of the disciples perspective on what it meant to have Jesus as Messiah. Switching the emphasis from a political messiah to a spiritual messiah would alter how Peter communicated about the Messiah.

8. The Bible gives us three names for Peter. If you could have Jesus give you a new name, what would it be?

9. The message suggested that Peter was with Jesus on his terms rather than God's. In what ways is this same trait reflected in your life?

10. What is the significance of the death and resurrection to our faith?

If Christ is not raised from the dead, our faith is futile!