

Peace for Tomorrow

Saying Yes to the Present Risenness of Jesus

Sunday message from October 23rd, 2022

~ Notes & Reflections ~

- **We like to be prepared for tomorrow. But, what if tomorrow doesn't go as planned?**
- **The present risenness of Jesus is our source of peace and hope in the face of uncertain tomorrow.**
 - ❖ The risenness of Christ is not just a past event or something that brings hope for the future, it is meant to impact the here and now.
 - ❖ Read [John 20.19-21](#). Consider what the disciples experienced in the days and moments before this scene. How might they have heard Jesus' words in that context? In what ways were Jesus' words significant?
 - ❖ Take a moment to reflect on a situation or time in your life when you have felt like the disciples right before Jesus appeared. Imagine Jesus speaking, "Peace be with you," to you in that moment. How might you receive and respond to those words?
- **There are five chapters in the book of John that covers what Jesus spoke to his disciples at the Last Supper. He ends with, "I have told you these things so that..." (16.33).**
 - ❖ Read [John 16.33](#). What was Jesus' reason for sharing all that He did in those last moments with His disciples? Why do you think He ended His sharing this way?
 - ❖ How did Jesus' resurrection change the impact of John 16.33? How does the present risenness of Jesus affect how you hear and respond to these words of Jesus?
- **We need the present risenness of Jesus every day.**
 - ❖ Read and reflect on the following passages: [Philippians 4.6-7](#), [2 Thessalonians 3.16](#), [1 Peter 5.7](#)
 - ❖ How might God be speaking to you about His presence with you?
- **The resurrected Jesus meets the disciples in their grief, right where they're at.**
 - ❖ Read [Luke 24.17-27](#). How did Jesus approach and interact with the disciples on the Road to Emmaus? What did it take for them to recognize Jesus?
 - ❖ Reflect on a time in your life when you were feeling hopeless, confused, grieved or otherwise similar to what the disciples in Luke 24 may have felt. What made Jesus' present risenness (His right-now-presence) real to you?
- **It takes courage to say "yes" to the present risenness of Jesus today.**
 - How do you need the present risenness of Jesus today?
 - How are you seeing/experiencing the present risenness of Jesus? Who might you seek out to help you see?
 - What does it look like to say "yes" to the present risenness of Jesus today?
- What statements or aspects of this message bring comfort? Which bring conviction? Take some time to talk to God about what bubbles up as you read/hear and reflect on this message.
- What might God be inviting you into as a response to this message/reflection on the present risenness of Jesus?