

Life Group Preparation Notes
Terran Williams - Sunday 11 April 2021
The Risen Jesus' First Word



Note for the facilitator: We are increasingly aware of how important our own preparation is as the key to being able to be vulnerable in group as well as learning from what God is saying to one another through the Word that we are reading. Let us keep encouraging one another to anchor our lives in God.

Worship: Spend time throughout the week during your time with God listening to [King of Kings by Hillsong Worship](#). Acknowledge that He is your King of Kings and above any situation that you may face.

Check-In: Re-read Psalm 73:16-17, a verse Daniel shared over the Easter weekend. It the verse the writer has a “Then I understood” moment. Have you had a “Then I understood moment” in the past week while having your daily time with God? Share with the group what stood out to you.

Bible Readings: John 20:11-16; Luke 2:36-38; Luke 11:27-28; Luke 24:11

Preparation and Discussion for Group Time:

1. What one thing stood out to you from what Ps Terran shared on Sunday? How could or has this impacted your life or world?
2. Read John 20:11-16. Mary knew it was Jesus when He said her name. Share with the group the emotions that you feel when you hear Jesus call your name, when you consider what He did so that you could have a relationship with Him.
3. Ps Terran spoke about several women that Jesus engaged with. They were women who knew the Word, believed, spoke truth and evangelized by sharing their story with others.
 - Anna (Luke 2:36-28);
 - Mary, the mother of Jesus (John 20:11-16);
 - Woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11);
 - Woman with the issue of blood (Luke 8:43-48);
 - Mary of Bethany (Luke 10:38-42);
 - Mary and Martha (John 11);
 - The Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:7-30);
 - Mary Magdalene (John 20);
 - Daughter of Abraham (Luke 13).

What is one thought that stands out to you about Jesus and His engagement or response to these women that is challenging you to respond like He did to those around you?

4. Share with the group what glass ceilings you may have been creating (unintentionally) in your home/ministry/workplace for others? What step can you take this week to address this?

Prayer time:

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you think of women (and others) in the way that He does - with honour and respect.

Love God:

- **Memorize Luke 11:28.** Commit to reading Scripture this week, waiting on God to hear what He is saying to you and be obedient to that.
- For personal study, here are some suggested **YouVersion** devotionals:
 - [Lent Through African Eyes by Oasis International](#)
 - [Easter Reflections by Provident Label Group](#)

Love Others:

There are other resources available on the Church Centre App which you can share with those in your circle that are struggling and need encouragement:

- For Parents/Mom's - called “The Mom Show”
- For those dealing with grief and loss - called “Grief and Grace”