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Restoration and Empowerment

John 20:19-23

The fully mature Christ follower does not need promises of health or wealth or safety; Jesus' _____ is _____. For the rest of us, we can view that attitude as one into which we are trying to grow.

Discussion 1. Do you believe you have yet reached the point in your walk with Jesus where, even in the midst of horrific circumstances, His presence is enough for you? If so, do have a sense of when and how you got there? If not, what do you think it might take for you to get there?

God reveals Himself and His truth to each of us progressively and on His own timeline. Our faith communities must have _____ and leave room for that process to play out in people's lives.

Discussion 2. Why do you suppose it is so frustrating and difficult for us to patiently wait for God to reveal truth to others when the truth seems so obvious to us? Do you recall whether anyone has ever been frustrated waiting for YOU to see spiritual truth?

For the Christ follower, the same Spirit whose ongoing work restores us spiritually also works through us to _____ the _____ around us. Without it, we can accomplish nothing of any spiritual significance.

Discussion 3. Has there ever been something you felt God was calling you (or sending you) to do, but that required you to wait for the Spirit to do through you? If so, describe it. Is there something you are praying about right now that will require the Spirit's work through you to accomplish it? If so, what is it?

Our spiritual restoration comes with a calling and a spiritual authority to proclaim this same restoration for others. Forgiveness of sins is available, and Christ followers are not only authorized but are instructed and _____ to proclaim it.

Discussion 4. The gospel message comes with its own power, separate from us. Do you think we really believe this? Why or why not?