

Review:

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Restoration and Resurrection

John 20:1-18

Doesn't it seem important that the first and most credible eyewitnesses to all the critical events that brought spiritual restoration to this broken world were _____?

Discussion 1. It seems clear that, at the time of the resurrection, God had more faith in women's testimony than the rest of that culture had. Is this still true today? Are there people (or categories of people) today through whom God is speaking but from whom our culture may not be eager to hear?

There may be numerous _____ or reasons for claiming to be a Christian, but the only one that matters is that I genuinely believe Jesus was God's son and that He died and was resurrected for my spiritual restoration.

Discussion 2. Aside from genuine belief, what are some other reasons somebody in our culture might claim to be a Christian? Do you think "escaping Hell" is a good enough reason to claim Christianity? Why or why not?

We must be able to see spiritual truth to receive spiritual restoration. Sometimes that just takes _____ and some particular circumstances. God's timing is always perfect this way.

Discussion 3. Think about when you decided to follow Jesus. Was there a particular timing or particular circumstances that had to be in place for that to happen for you? If so, describe it.

In a culture filled with extreme voices screaming at us from every side, it is critical that Christ followers learn to recognize their Shepherd's voice and _____ it from all the others.

Discussion 4. What kinds of spiritual disciplines help you to hear God's voice and to distinguish it from all the other voices in our culture? If you were to choose just one spiritual discipline to get better at in this regard, what would you choose?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?