

## STUDY QUESTIONS CONTINUED

6. What makes the resurrection so significant to the life of the believer?
7. Have you had a personal encounter with the risen Christ? If not, read below how you can trust in Jesus. Let someone know to help you today.

## WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

The word “gospel” means “good news.” The Gospel, or good news, of Jesus Christ is that He did what no one could ever do. You see, God loves us, but ever since Adam and Eve sinned against God, every human being has sinned and therefore cannot come into God’s presence because He is holy and perfect. As much as we try, we cannot bridge the gap to God because of our sinful nature. We can never be good enough to reach God. Good works, religion, philosophy and morality all fall short of God’s perfection.

God loves us so much that He sent His Own Son, Jesus Christ, to bridge the gap (John 3:16). Jesus did what no one else could ever do because He is both God and human, born to Mary. He took upon Himself the punishment we deserve, dying on the cross in our place. Now, through a relationship with Jesus Christ, we can come before a holy God. That is the good news! We enter a relationship with Jesus by placing our faith and trust in Him and Him alone for our salvation. Do you have a relationship with Jesus Christ?

The good news doesn’t end there. Not only can we have eternal life through Jesus, but we also now can live without being condemned because of sin. Jesus paid the price for our sins, and He lives within those who have placed their trust in Him. In Christ, not only have we secured our future in eternity with God, but we have the Holy Spirit living in us to help us today to live for Christ. For more information on how to know God, check our website at [www.gbcmilescity.com](http://www.gbcmilescity.com).



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## SERMON NOTES

### THE TWELVE PETER LEARNING HUMILITY

#### 1 PETER 5:5

*... All of you clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because **God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.***

### PART TWO – GOD GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE

#### EXPERIENCING GOD’S GRACE

John 20:1-10

<sup>3</sup>At that, Peter and the other disciple went out, heading for the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple out ran Peter and got to the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>Stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then, following him, Simon Peter also came. He entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there...<sup>8</sup>The other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, then also went in, saw, and believed.

- News of the resurrection gave Peter \_\_\_\_\_ when he was broken and humbled.

1 Corinthians 15:3-5

<sup>3</sup>For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.

John 21

<sup>7</sup>The disciple, the one Jesus loved, said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tied his outer clothing around him (for he had taken it off) and plunged into the sea. <sup>8</sup>Since they were not far from land (about a hundred yards away), the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish.

- Peter encountered the risen Christ \_\_\_\_\_ and his life was changed forever.
- Humility is the first step in salvation, and the \_\_\_\_\_ for God’s grace (unmerited favor) in our lives. (Matthew 18:3-4)

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## APOSTLE PETER, HUMBLE SERVANT

### THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH Acts 1-2 (Selected Passages)

*1:15* In those days Peter stood up among the brothers and sisters – the number of people who were together was about a hundred and twenty...

*2:23* “Though he was delivered up according to God’s determined plan and foreknowledge, you used lawless people to nail him to a cross and kill him.

*2:24* God raised him up, ending the pains of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by death... *2:32* God has raised this Jesus; we are all witnesses of this.” *2:41* So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added to them.

- Godly leadership is acknowledging that we are to be \_\_\_\_\_ first.

### RESURRECTION POWER Acts 3-4 (Selected Passages)

*3:12* When Peter saw this, he addressed the people: “Fellow Israelites, why are you amazed at this? Why do you stare at us, as though we had made him walk by our own power or godliness?” *3:15* “You killed the source of life, whom God raised from the dead; we are witnesses of this. By faith in his name, his name has made this man strong...” *4:4* But many of those who heard the message believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

*4:11* “This Jesus is the stone rejected by you builders, which has become the cornerstone. *4:12* There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.” *4:13* When they observed the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed and recognized that they had been with Jesus.

*4:33* With great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was on all of them.

- When God gives grace to the humble, he includes the power to \_\_\_\_\_!

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## RESURRECTION AUTHORITY Acts 5, 8 (Selected Passages)

*5:3* “Ananias,” Peter asked, “why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the proceeds of the land?”

*8:21* “You have no part or share in this matter, because your heart is not right before God.”

- God’s humble servants are given authority to proclaim the resurrection and stand against \_\_\_\_\_.

### TAKING IT IN

- God strengthens and empowers with His amazing \_\_\_\_\_ those who are humble before Him.
- The death and resurrection of Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ example of humility and our basis for living as humble servants of Christ. (See Philippians 2)

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What do you think Peter was thinking when he saw the empty tomb, the head wrapping folded and laying there?
2. How did Jesus reach out to Peter and encourage him after the resurrection?
3. What changes do you see in Peter at the birth of the church?
4. As you read Acts 3-4, compare Peter to the man he was prior to the resurrection. How is he different?
5. How is walking in resurrection authority different than judging others?

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