



Jesus is risen! So what's next? – Study Guide

Leaders note – I have put the point and key questions at the top of each section. Please think about when during the section is the best time to ask that question, it might be after you've done some of the thinking around it first.

Read through John 21: 1-14 together

- How much time do you spend following Easter reflecting on what happened at Easter and what it means to us?
- Is there anything in this appearance of Jesus that stands out to you?

Paul pulled out three key themes from this passage to help us think about prayer.

Point 1 – Peter's enthusiasm to get to Jesus

Key question – How excited are we to spend time with Jesus?

- Can you relate to Peter's impulsiveness or is it completely alien to you?
- What do you think would be your reaction in this situation?
- What things do we let get in the way of being impulsive with Jesus?

Paul gave an 'excitedness scale' that went from a child having to tidy their room up to a child running around searching for Easter eggs.

- Where would you put yourself on that scale for wanting to spend time with Jesus?

Point 2 – Jesus wants to spend time with us

Key question – How often do we make room to spend time in Jesus' presence?

- How do you find balancing between impulsively spending time with Jesus and planning in time?
- Is there anything you could do differently to be more planned about spending time with Jesus?

Point 3 – The disciples recognised Jesus' voice and actions

Key question – How well do we recognise God's voice and actions in our lives and the world around us?

In John 10: 27, and in many other places in the gospels, we are compared to sheep needing a shepherd.

- How do you find this comparison and the idea of needing a shepherd to navigate our lives?
- Looking at this encounter and, if you have time, maybe a few of the other encounters with Jesus after His resurrection, what was it that prompted them to recognise Him?