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Small Group Bible Study

Come Awake Easter Sunday

April 24, 2011

Begin by reading Luke 22:54-62 & Acts 5:27-42. Compare the Peter we see before the crucifixion and after the resurrection. What are the differences?

From a human point of view, why was Peter justified in his fear as Jesus was arrested and led away? Put yourself in the position of Peter, knowing what he knew at the time, and discuss if you would have been any different.

Do you believe the danger Peter faced was more or less in the account in Acts? What do we see in verses 40-41, and why is this so striking considering Peter's denial of Jesus in Luke?

We do not hear of Peter again until after Jesus' crucifixion.

Read John 20:1-9 & Luke 24:9-12. What can you imagine might have been going through Peter's mind as he stepped into the empty tomb?

With the benefit of having the scriptures that we do, what are some mysteries of the Christian faith that you still struggle with? (*this might lead to a longer conversation - be prepared!*)

How do we explain verse 9 considering all Jesus taught His disciples?
(*Think back to Sunday's Sermon. "They lived in a world where _____ people stayed _____."*)

Following His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples. Read the following account from Luke 24:36-49. How did the disciples finally come to understand Jesus' resurrection?

What does the resurrection mean to you?

