

ULC Sermon Study Resource
He is Risen // Risen to Complete
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Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Icebreaker: What do you do to feel restored?

Reading: John 21:20-25

Outline:

- I. Focus
 - A. In John's gospel, the word for "signs" are meant to point to Jesus as messianic miracles for initiating or bolstering faith. Jesus declares himself to be The Messiah and has dominion over the world.
 - B. Jesus tells Peter to focus on the things that matter in life, and He also tells us the same.
Q: *How do you focus on the important things in life?*
- II. Follow Jesus
 - A. Jesus tells us to follow him all throughout the Bible. We are his sheep, and we follow him because he knows us.
 - B. Even in our shortcomings, Jesus comes to us. We receive his personal presence through taking communion, which is a miracle/sign in itself.
Q: *Does this view of communion change anything for you?*
- III. Freely Witness
 - A. Scholar Michael Green explains that people will not find that Christians have good news to share until we begin freely witnessing to others. By doing so, we show that we really believe that without Christ, we will suffer eternal loss.
Q: *Do you freely witness, and if so, what does that look like for you?*

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) How do we discern what the important things in life are?
- 2) How do we help others focus on the important things in life?
- 3) How can Jesus know us personally?
- 4) How can we freely witness to others without driving people away?

Suggestion for further study:

- John 19:35 Q: How does this verse shed light on how we should freely witness to others?

Closing Prayer:

Dear Jesus, we thank you for reminding us to focus on the important things in life. We thank you for your faithfulness to us and that you show up for us even in our shortcomings. Teach us to live so that we may freely witness to others in all that we do. Amen.