

L I F E I N H I S N A M E

John 20

Day 1

PRAY: Ask the Lord to reveal His truth through scripture to your heart today.

READ: Read through as much of John 20 as you are led today.

WRITE:

Note which verses you have read here. What has God spoken to you through His word today, and how does He want you to apply that practically in your life? _____

Day 2

PRAY: Ask the Father for insight in His word.

READ: John 20:1–18

WRITE:

Mary Magdalene was the first to see the risen Lord. What can you note about this Mary and the impact Jesus had on her life both from John 20 and what is mentioned about her in the following scriptures: Luke 8:1–3; Mark 16:9; Matthew 27:55,56? _____

APPLY:

1. In her absolute despair, Mary loses all hope and seems to forget the promises Jesus had given to His followers. Why is it important to know the Word of God when you face the trials of this life? _____

2. What is a promise in God’s word that you have been able to cling to in the midst of seemingly hopeless situations? Share this with your group; you never know who may need this truth today. _____

Day 3

PRAY: Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the spiritual truths in God’s word.

READ: John 20:19–31

WRITE:

1. In verses 21–23, Jesus breathes upon His disciples and He creates again a new work in them as they receive the Holy Spirit. Similar to the first work of Creation (see Genesis 2:7), expound upon the new work God does in each of us at salvation according to Ephesians 2:8–10?

2. Thomas struggled to believe Jesus had risen from the dead. Look again at Jesus’ response to him in v.27–29. Why is believing in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead essential to the forgiveness of sins and our faith as Christians? (Use 1 Corinthians 15:12–19 to help you in your answer.) _____

APPLY:

Verses 30 and 31 reference your belief in Jesus as the Son of God. 1 Peter 3:15 tells us to “always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you.” Ask God about the work He has prepared for you today. Like Jesus sent the disciples and bestowed His Spirit on them in John 20:21-22 to help them accomplish their mission, to whom might the Father be sending you? _____

Day 4

PRAY: Ask God to give you insight into His truth. Think back through what you have studied in John 20 this week and what has stood out the most to you.

READ: Review that same scripture again.

WRITE:

On an index card or note card, write out that scripture and place it before you today so that you can meditate on it.

APPLY:

How can you apply this scripture to your life today? _____

ON ANOTHER DAY THIS WEEK

Take some quiet time with the Lord and review a scripture from Following the Way of Christ—Discipleship Principles in the “Prayer” handout. (It can be found on our webpage under Resources www.ccsouthbay.org/women.) Ask the Lord to speak to your heart regarding how you can bring your life into obedience to that scripture. What changes do you need to ask the Holy Spirit to help you make? _____
