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HAPPY EASTER...NOW WHAT?

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We are really good at preparing for a BIG THING, but we don't often think of a life after the BIG THING happens.

- Birthing classes vs. parenting classes
- Marathon training vs. the 100 yards passed the finish line
- Wedding planning vs. premarital coaching
- Vacation planning vs. the Monday back at work

After the resurrection, we need to be a people who remember the goodness of Easter morning!

We prepare diligently for Easter, but we often forget Monday is coming!

- Preparation:
 - o Lent
 - o Buying Easter outfits
 - o Easter dinner plans



- Post Easter:
 - o Left overs
 - o Laundry
 - o Sprinting to summer

The disciples weren't prepared for life without Jesus visibly present.

- John 21:1-14
 - o When we don't know where to go, we rely on what we know.
 - The disciples know where they encountered Jesus for the first time.
 - The disciples know a place where they can be together alone.
 - o When we don't know what to do, we rely on what we knew.
 - They knew how they used to fill their days.
 - They knew they were meant for more, but they were complacent.
 - o *Peter leaped from the boat to hurry to his savior.
- John 21:15-17
 - o When we don't know what we need, we follow Jesus' lead.
 - He made relentless restoration and consistent community a priority.
 - He set the bar low, but the calling is high.



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- Peter is the ROCK on which Jesus will build the church...he wasn't the best rock until Jesus made him who he is.
- The calling on Peter to feed and care for sheep is the calling for the church to fulfill.

- Jesus showed us FIRST how to respond to resurrection.
 - Start by simply BEING with Jesus
 - Restoration (Jesus makes us NEW)
 - Repentance (Peter LOVES Jesus)
 - Celebration (Breakfast is a celebration!)
 - Sending (Feed my sheep)

- Matthew 28:18-20
 - When we forget along the way, we need reminders every day!
 - The Great Commission is a daily participation.
 - Easter matters daily because Jesus is with us daily.
 - Feed his sheep is more specific when Jesus gives us the great commission.
 - He gives us this specific commission after stating the point about his authority.



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- What does it mean to:
 - Go
 - Jerusalem/Judea/Samaria/Ends of the earth
 - Start where we are
 - Don't forget/avoid where we're not
- Baptize
 - Participate in life change
 - Celebrate stories of life change
 - Be active in following Jesus' example
- Teach
 - We need others to know...
 - Head knowledge
 - Heart knowledge
 - Instruction for living

Take the resurrection celebration with you through the week!



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Now What? Seven Day Devotional:

Day 1 - Matthew 28:18-20

Where do you see Jesus' authority in your life? What is one thing you can do to fulfill these verses?

Day 2 - John 21:15-17

Have you ever felt far from Jesus? How would you respond to Jesus calling you into something bigger despite your past mistakes?

Day 3 - Romans 6:4-5

Where has Christ's resurrection made you new? Where is he raising you to new life currently?

Day 4 - Ephesians 1:18-23

How have you seen Jesus' resurrection power in your life? How are you participating in God's church?

Day 5 - 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Who are you following to grow closer to Jesus? How are you living your life for God's glory?

Day 6 - John 1:1-5

Where does your life need some light? Where does the light of Easter shine in your day?

Day 7 - John 21:1-17

How are you responding to the resurrection today? Where are the sheep you need to care for?