



REZGROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS WEEK OF May 22, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. All-Parish One Another Gathering, Wednesday, June 1, 6 pm at Rez
2. Summer 2022 Foundations Course begins 7 pm Sunday, June 5. Register online
3. Matthew Kaemingk: Public Faith in Plural Society - 7:30 pm Wednesday, June 8 at Rez.
4. Marriage Course–Summer 2022: Saturday mornings at Rez - June 25-August 13, 10 am - 12 pm
5. 2022 Parish Retreat - Labor Day Weekend, Friday, September 2 to Sunday, September 4 back at Caboose Farm in Sabillasville, MD.
6. New Wineskins Missionary Conference - largest Anglican Missions conference in the US. September 22-25, 2022.

SCRIPTURE – John 20:19-31

Discussion Questions

1. **The disciples are behind locked doors and Jesus appears to them with instructions. What does Jesus say to them? Why is this relevant?**
2. **What would it look like if our group viewed itself as being intentionally sent to the city and neighborhoods we live in?**
3. **What does Thomas need to see before he will believe Jesus has risen from the dead? What do you think informs Thomas' doubt?**
4. **How does Jesus respond to Thomas' doubts?**
5. **What doubts are you currently struggling with? How can you take those to Jesus and openly share them?**

PRAYER

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Officiant and People together, all kneeling

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Officiant says

May Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Officiant and People
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Intercessions and thanksgivings follow. Please include the following in your prayer:

Missionary: Jim Hagan serving with CCO and The Augustine Center at Georgetown: Please pray for:

- Faculty outreach
- Recruiting next year's Augustine Fellows
- Planning for Fall Templeton Foundation Science and Faith events
- CCO graduating seniors

Persecuted Church and her Persecutors: [Vietnam](#)

- Pray for Christians in Vietnam who suffer persecution, especially those from ethnic minorities. Pray for those who lose their families and homes, that they would feel the reality that God has given them a global family of believers who prays for them.
- Pray for the government of Vietnam, both local and national. Pray the national government would protect the rights of all of its citizens, and that local governments would not be used to worsen the persecution faced by Christians in tribal communities.

Global Concern: Leaders of Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Myanmar and other conflict areas.

Church Ministry: RezGroup Leaders, Hospitality Volunteers, Building Leadership Team

A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom
Officiant and People

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Thanks be to God.

The Officiant may then concludes

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** Romans 15:13