

LIFE IN CHRIST

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SESSION 8: PROCLAIMING THE RISEN CHRIST

A. God's command "to go"

- God told Moses to demand that Pharaoh let his people go.
- God told Isaiah to go forth as his prophet.
- God told Ezekiel to consume his word and go speak to the house of Israel.
- God now commands us to go to the whole world and proclaim the good news we have received.

B. The Universal Call to Evangelize

- Every baptized person, including lay people (the nuclear energy of the church), are called to be missionaries.
- Our testimonies are a powerful witness to others when evangelizing.
- You don't need to be a powerful preacher like St. Paul in order to evangelize.
- Just tell others that Jesus died for all.

C. The Proclamation of the Risen Christ

- On Easter morning, Jesus commanded the women to go and tell his disciples he had risen.
- We need to fill our hearts with the joy of Jesus' resurrection.
- The faith of Christians is the Resurrection of Jesus. The resurrection is the heart of the Christian faith.

"If with your mouth you proclaim that Jesus is Lord and if in your heart you believe that God raised him from the dead, then you are saved." -Romans 10:9

- How can we proclaim the Good News of the resurrection of Jesus?
- Our joy and hope in the resurrection, is what will distinguish us as Christians in the world.
- We have the assurance of hope because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts.
- Go forth and tell the world that Christ is risen!

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What stood out to you from the talk?
2. Do you feel equipped to share the gospel? Why or why not.
3. Have you ever evangelized before? Share your experience. What inspired you to do so?
4. What are some ways we can share our faith with others?