

The Christ-Centered Life

John 20:19-23

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Essentials Series

Reflect

Outline: Recap

Realize

Points to Ponder

Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

REFLECT

The goal of life should be to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. That was how the scholars who wrote the famous Westminster Confession explained it. That might sound impossible. It is impossible with only human strength and ingenuity. But God doesn't expect us to do it on our own. God equips each one of us for the life He calls us to.

As we open our summer series called Essentials, Pastor Daniel will bring us back to the very first message he ever taught at Crossroads, to remind us of how God empowers us to pursue Him!

REALIZE

1. Receive God's peace.

- **Scripture Reference;** John 20:19-23; John 14:27
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - How can I live the Christ-centered life?

2. Join God's plan.

- **Scripture Reference;** John 20:19-23; Matthew 28:18-20
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - How is Jesus sending me into the world?

3. Experience God's power.

- **Scripture Reference;** John 20:19-23; Acts 1:8
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - How is the Holy Spirit working in and through me right now?

4. Engage in God's purpose.

- **Scripture Reference;** John 20:19-23; Matthew 16:18-19, 18:18
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - How is the Holy Spirit working in and through me right now?

Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?