

CITY LG – April 29-May 1, 2023

Today's Bible Story: Mercy's Shore (Jesus Restores Peter) • *John 21:1-19 (John 18:1-27)*

Today's Bottom Line: Put others first by making things right.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves.* Philippians 2:3 (NIRV)

WORSHIP

At the Top of My Lungs

Won't Let Go

Have kids get into their small groups Before you start Large Groups

SLIDE: Theme

"Hello, friends! It's so great to see you today in the CITY. This month, we're finding out how God can help us GROW in humility!

SLIDE: Virtue

"Humility is putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve.

SLIDE: Theme

"Well, here we are with another amazing story that happened AFTER Jesus died on the cross and then came back to life. (*Hold up Bible.*)

"Jesus first appeared to His friend Mary outside the tomb. Then He appeared to other people, like the two men on the road to Emmaus. That's what we talked about in our story last week. Jesus also appeared to His closest friends, the disciples. It must have been such an exciting time for the disciples as they realized that Jesus really was alive!

"Though for one of the disciples, Peter, this must have brought up a lot of questions." Let's check out the Story Lab...

VIDEO: Bible Story

"In this story, we can see how Jesus took the time to make things right between Him and Peter. Peter must have felt like he had failed Jesus by denying Him. But Jesus wasn't worried about that. Jesus forgave Peter. And now Jesus was inviting Peter to care for other people who would follow Jesus—then, and in the years to come.

"Jesus put Peter first by making things right between them. That's an important part of humility, and it's something we should do too.

Check out our bottom line for today...

VIDEO: Bottom Line

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “Put others first by making things right.

“You probably know what it’s like to have to say you’re sorry for something you’ve done wrong. Or maybe you’ve had to make things right with someone else after they hurt your feelings. It’s never easy when we’re having a disagreement like that with one of our friends or someone in our family. But we can choose to put them first by saying, ‘I’m sorry. It’s okay. I forgive you.’

“Will you pray with me?”

PRAY

STORYTELLER: “God, thank You for this story that shows us how we can make things right with other people. Jesus gave us the most amazing example of love and forgiveness, and that’s certainly true about His friendship with Peter. Help us love others the way Jesus does. Help us always be willing to make things right. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

OFFERING:

As some of you may already know, we are highlighting some of our Parkview Global Missionaries from the beautiful country of Mexico. Here is a picture of our Missionary Friends Eli and Mandy Garcia!

CG: Eli and Mandy

Parkview has spent many years developing a very important partnership with an organization called Vida Nueva Ministries in Mexico. This group has been working in many of the under-resourced areas to plant churches, start schools, and care for the amazing people of Mexico. Here’s a picture of some of the kids at the school down in Mexico.

SLIDE: Kids at School (Image 6620)

So if you brought an offering today, you can bring it up now knowing that it is going to help a lot of people just like you in the great country of Mexico!

It was awesome to spend time with you today, have fun in small groups!”