# The risen Jesus 2 John 20:19-23Getting to life

# God is not afraid of your questions

## The Jews – aren’t we being anti-Semitic?

## The appearance – how did it happen?

## The giving of the Spirit – when did that happen?

## The forgiveness of sins – who can do that?

# God the one who calls and assures

## John not anti-Jewish but anti-lies

### God called them to follow Christ

### God assured them of forgiveness in Christ

### God assured them by given them His Spirit because of Christ

## God the giver of peace

# God the creator of everything

## One more dimension can explain it all!

# God the giver of ‘life’

## John anticipates Pentecost

### ‘Life’ = Having the Spirit of God

# God the forgiver of sins

## Only God can forgive your sins

## Christians can only affirm or deny it

# Jesus is risen

## A truth worth believing

## A truth worth living for

## A truth worth dying for

## A truth worth exploring

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# Questioning the Bible

## When there are apparent discrepancies in the Bible how important is it to you that you find ‘answers’ that satisfy?

### How do you reconcile John and Luke as to when the Holy Spirit was given to the disciples (Jn 20 saying ‘receive’ on the very first day and Luke saying it was 50 days later in Acts 2)

## If someone claims Christians are anti-Semitic how would you reply?

# God giving ‘peace’

## How would you describe the ‘peace of God’?

### Jesus rates this highly (according to John He says it twice here)

#### In what ways, if at all, is this ‘peace’ different to a standard Jewish greeting (Shalom!)

## Are this ‘peace’ and the assurance of forgiveness linked?

### Explain your answer

# God the creator

## How did you like the idea of an extra dimension to explain miracles?

### How, if at all, does it help?

# God the giver of ‘life’

## Life, as John describes it, is not just drawing breath but asks about connection

### How is this ‘life’ different from other people’s ideas of what ‘life’ is

### In what ways do Christians feel ‘connected’ to God?

## Can a Christian have ‘life’ without having ’peace’?

### Explain your reasoning

## Can a Christian have ‘life’ with experiencing forgiveness?

### Explain your answer

## How far do you agree that ‘only God can forgive sins’ and therefore Jn 20:23 does not give power to the church?