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**“NOW APPEARING!”**  
*Jesus’ Resurrection Appearances*  
1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-8

*What’s so ‘Good’ about the ‘Good News’?*

1. **Christ** \_\_\_\_\_ **for Our Sins** (to pay for sin’s penalty)
2. **He was** \_\_\_\_\_ (to prove he was dead)
3. **He** \_\_\_\_\_ **from the Dead** (to prove there’s life after death)
4. **He** \_\_\_\_\_ **to Many** (to prove he was alive)

*“I went to a psychologist friend and said, if 500 people claimed to see Jesus after he died, it was a hallucination. He said hallucinations are an individual event. If 500 people have the same hallucination, that’s a bigger miracle than the resurrection.” ~LEE STROBEL*

**APPEARANCE =** \_\_\_\_\_

*Awareness of His Presence...*

1. **REQUIRES SPIRITUAL** \_\_\_\_\_ 1 CORINTHIANS 13:12  
EXODUS 17:7; PSALM 103:13, 14
2. **BEGINS with** \_\_\_\_\_ JOHN 20:29  
MATTHEW 28:20; HEBREWS 13:5; PSALM 139:7-12
3. **MATURES with** \_\_\_\_\_ JOHN 14:21  
MATTHEW 28:20; HEBREWS 13:5; PSALM 139:7-12
  - **When We** \_\_\_\_\_ **about Everything**
  - **When We** \_\_\_\_\_ **all our Cares on Him**
  - **When We** \_\_\_\_\_ **our Sins**
  - **When We** \_\_\_\_\_ **in His Spirit**
  - **When We** \_\_\_\_\_ **with Believers**
  - **When We** \_\_\_\_\_ **in His Word**
  - **When We** \_\_\_\_\_ **to Creation**

➤ MATTHEW 5:14-16

**FOOD for THOUGHT**  
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**GETTING STARTED** *“In your opinion...”*

1. Last Sunday was Easter Sunday. We looked at what was so good about the Good News, and specifically, based on the theme of Jesus appearances, how we can grow in our awareness of His presence. Was there anything from the sermon that was helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. What is so difficult about remembering and acknowledging the presence of Jesus in our life?
3. Can you share anything with the group that has helped you grow in your awareness of God’s presence in your life?
4. Has the quality of your life gotten better or worse as a result of a deeper awareness of God’s presence? Explain.

**GOING DEEPER** *“According to the Bible...”*

*Answer the following questions from what the Bible says in the suggested reading*

- **Read Hebrews 13:5.** When would God ever leave us? If we feel far from God, who moved?
- **Read 2 Kings 6:8-18.** What lessons about the presence of God and His spiritual beings can we learn from this story? Could this still hold true today?
- **Read Jeremiah 29:13.** What is required to “find God”? What can “hijack” this process and distract us from seeking with all our heart?
- **Read Luke 24:13-35.** For discussion sake, why do you think the two disciples didn’t recognize Jesus? What happened so they finally could recognize Him (vss. 30, 31)? What did they say they felt in His presence?
- **Read John 20:11-18.** Why do you think, did Mary not recognize Jesus? When did she finally recognize Him?

**LIVING OUT**

- Awareness of God’s presence is a life-long journey. Be patient, be persistent.