



SERMON NOTES

Date _____

Use this sheet to help you think through the sermon today.

Preacher/Speaker
Scripture Passage
Additional Verses



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<p>What is the main idea of this sermon?</p>	<p>What key words/thoughts are important?</p>
<p>What did we learn about God from this passage?</p>	
<p>What does God want me to do or believe in response to this passage?</p>	
<p>What was my favorite song lyric today?</p>	<p>What is something I didn't understand?</p>

Day One—Sermon Application

In 1 Peter 3:15, believers are challenged to be “prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.” So there are two aspects of this challenge—the ‘what’ and the ‘how.’ **Which do you struggle with—knowing what to say when defending the faith or knowing how to say it without offending someone?**

Read the context of the previous verse (1 Peter 3:8-22). **What kind of life must we live in order to be noticed by unbelieving skeptics? How does Peter describe the character and behavior of a true believer in these verses?**

Day Two—Worship Preparation

Next week, we will be singing the song “**Stronger**.” Spend some time thinking about the words to this song.

There is love that came for us	Faithfulness none can deny
Humbled to a sinner’s cross	Through the storm and through the fire
You broke my shame and sinfulness,	There is truth that sets me free
You rose again victorious	Jesus Christ who lives in me!

***You are stronger, You are stronger
Sin is broken, you have saved me
It is written, Christ is risen!
Jesus, You are Lord of all!***

(<https://youtu.be/MAh5zhdF4rc>)

Day Three—Sermon Anticipation

Read John 20:11-29. In this passage, Jesus has just resurrected from the dead and He is now appearing to different people as proof that He is alive. **Who does he appear to first? To whom does He appear next? Who was missing from that group?**

Andy McLean writes, “It is unfortunate that Thomas is not remembered for some of the good things he said and did in the Gospels, but as the doubting disciple... Remember, the other disciples did not believe Mary Magdalene when she told them Jesus had been resurrected until they had seen Him themselves.” **Why do people have doubts? What causes you to doubt?**

Read John 20:29 again. **What does Jesus say about those who are able to believe in Him without first seeing Him physically?**

How does this influence the way we understand 2 Corinthians 5:7 that says, “for we walk by faith, not by sight”?