

Covenant Group Look – Book - Took
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Old Test.: Acts 17:22-31, Epistle: 1 Peter 3:13-22, Gospel John 14:15-21

Look

We are all Easter people so that means that Jesus is in our lives every day. Father Bruce said that we need to do more with the love that Jesus gives us, that fills us. As a prelude to thinking about what that might mean for us, Father Bruce gave us some homework: think about or write your faith story. He shared his faith story and told us about how God entered his life and how he felt at several important junctures in his life.

1. As you review your faith story, what comes to mind as your earliest memory of God working in your life?
2. Looking back on your life, of all the faith stories you have experienced, which of them molded your life the most?
3. What person influenced you in your faith story?

Book

In the Old Testament Lesson from Acts, Paul spoke to the Athenians about how God is with them, all around them and in them. He talked about how God is not an unknown, and is not like gold or silver or stone. He tells them that he has appointed a man who will judge the world – Jesus whom he has raised from the dead.

1. Paul says that God is not far from each one of us for “In him we live and move and have our being”. What does this mean to you?
2. In the Gospel according to John, Jesus introduces the Holy Spirit to the 12 disciples. He calls him an Advocate. What do you think the disciples thought upon hearing this from Jesus?
3. Jesus also says “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you”. What does that mean – “I am coming to you”?

Took

Father Bruce said that we need to do more with the love of God that fills us. He reminded us that worship continues throughout the week, not just on Sunday. Setting that extra place at the table or imagining Jesus sitting next to you in the car is one way of continuing the worship throughout the week.

1. What can I do with the love of God that fills me?
2. How can I share God’s love with my neighbor?
3. How can Emmanuel help me to share the love of God that fills me?