

Exiles

Restoration

Return from exile is not about a change in location, it is about a change in location. It is less about geography and more about mission. The goal is not Resurrection, the goal is Restoration.

Discussion Questions

1. Do you remember the first time “going home” *didn't* mean “going back to the place you grew up? When was that? What had changed in you for that to happen?
 2. Many of us believe in Jesus and know that He established the Catholic Church, but don't live like that is true. What is one way that “having a reason” to believe *does* translate into “living the reason” in your life? What is one thing about you and the way you live that is solely because you believe Christianity is true?
 3. The Apostles worshipped but they doubted. Have you ever been in that position? Knowing what is true, yet being torn interiorly? Please share.
 4. The Great Commission is not only God's desire to spread the Gospel through the whole world, but also to “share His mission” with those He has sent. Reflect on what it means for your relationship with God to know that He wants to be on mission “with” you. Would that change your life? Your perspective?
 5. The Ascension is the climax of the Paschal Mystery. God desires to restore your life through His power and presence in our lives. How does God want to restore your worship, your boundaries, and your life? Feel free to share at least one way for each!
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God in Real Life

This week, allow God to reveal to you where He desires to restore you in worship, relationships, and your manner of living.

To the Heart

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20