

Film Clip: Peter's Promise

- Introduce first clip right at start of service:
 - setting context, this was Peter the night before Jesus was crucified...
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Promise Broken/Mind the Gap

- Talk first about how Peter's promise was broken:
 - (image: Peter/Promise Broken)
 - the denials, the shame, the brokenness

Gap activity

- Some kind of crossing a gap with a plank and a couple of crates type activity at front
 - (image: Mind the Gap)

Sin Separates

- Explain how sin separates us from God
 - (image: gap between God and man)
 - like Peter, we always let God down...
 - and it leaves us, like Peter, separated from him
 - But good news of Easter is that Jesus has bridged, or **mended** that gap
 - (image: gap between God and man bridged by Cross)
 - cross over the gap by faith...
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A New Start

- Show "He's Alive" film clip
- Meeting the risen Christ changed things
 - meeting the risen Christ changes us!

Victory Comparison

- Victory can be won, but remain hidden - rare
- More often victory can be declared but not won! - see Saddam's press guy...!
- But a real victory has implications!
- Go back to people's memories of WW2:
 - who was where when...
 - what was it like when Victory Europe was declared?
 - looking for: no more fear, blackouts, evacuation & evacuees, travel restrictions, roads without signposts, rationing (eventually!!), etc!
 - once victory is declared things change...

Things have changed for us in light of Christ's victory:

- no more fear
- can see clearly direction and purpose of life - for me to live is Christ, to die is gain (Philippians 1:21)
- soon we will no longer be evacuees, in a strange land, but will be home in heaven!
- soon too the "rationing" of a meagre life that we live here will be gone, replaced with the bounty of heaven!

New Home Comparison

- Jesus rising ushers us into a new life, sharing in all his resurrection implies
 - cf getting key to new home
 - (not quite the same as Crawford handing out keys to the church doors...!)
 - new rooms, new possibilities, new ways of relating to people...