Prayer: Almighty God, in every age you have called out men and women to be your faithful servants. We believe that you now have called us to join that great company who seek to follow you. Grant unto us today and always a clear vision of your call and strength to fulfill the ministry assigned to us. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

Reflection questions:

1. How in the past semester do you feel you have seen clear visions of His call to ministry?

2. How have you responded to these visions and this calling?
   - How have you walked in obedience and faithful following?
   - How have you failed to fulfill the calling God has given you?
   - How do you feel about each of these?

When have you felt unclear about what God is calling you to in ministry?

- What were the circumstances of that lack of clarity?
  - What was happening in your life at that time?

- What feelings or thoughts did this lack of clarity bring up for you?
  - What were your feelings or thoughts about yourself, about others or about God?

- Has clarity come or are you still waiting?
  - If you are waiting—how are you dealing with the silence? With hope, anticipation, impatience, discouragement—other?

Read John 20:4-19. Prayerfully reflect on the passage. Ask the Lord to show you Himself, and to show you yourself.

* How do you think Peter felt as the scene unfolds?
  Identify the variety of emotions that he may have experienced.

* How in the past semester have you experienced what Peter may have been experiencing?
* How does Jesus respond to him?
  o What does this say about who He is and how He feels about Peter?

* In what places of your life do you need to receive what Jesus is saying and demonstrating to Peter?

* What does Jesus call Peter to?

* DO you have a clear vision of what Jesus has called you to? Is it specific or more general, like his calling to Peter?

**Pray and quietly listen**

Continue by thinking through your future calling, using the following questions in light of what you just heard from the Lord.

1. What visions do you currently have for your call to ministry?
   - Where is God calling you to ministry?
   - What people has he called you to?
   - What tasks has he called you to do?
   - What is it that you need to follow, be and do, to fulfill this calling?
     o From God?
     o From others?

"Faith in the value and meaning of life, even in the face of despair and death, is the second principle of Christian leadership. This seems so obvious that it is often taken for granted and overlooked.

But for a man (woman) with a deep-rooted faith in the value and meaning of life, every experience holds a new promise, every encounter carries a new insight and every event brings a new message. But these promises, insights, and messages have to be discovered and made visible. A Christian leader is not a leader because he (she) announced a new idea and tries to convince others of its worth; he(she) is a leader because he (she) faces the world with eyes full of expectation, with the expertise to take away the veil that covers its hidden potential. Christian leadership is called ministry precisely to express that in the service of others new life can be brought about. It is this service which gives eyes to see the flower breaking through the cracks in the street, ears to hear a word of forgiveness muted by hatred and hostility, and hands to feel new life under the cover of death and destruction.” From *The Wounded Healer*  Henry Nouwen