

Luke 24:36-49 – Bible Study

Read:

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General question:

What stands out to you from this passage?

Further questions:

A shock (v36-43)

1. The disciples are “startled and frightened” by the appearance of Jesus. Doubts also arise in their hearts and minds. They don’t get it. Are there bits to do with the resurrection of Jesus that you find hard to understand? If so, what?
2. Do you struggle with doubts? If you feel able to, discuss.
3. Nat said on Sunday that Jesus’ resurrection is God putting the first piece of the “new creation” in place. Discuss further what this might mean?
4. How do you feel about the future? How does Jesus’ resurrection give us hope for the future?

A promise (v44-49)

1. Jesus points to the Old Testament scriptures three times in three verses (v44-46). How do you feel about the Bible? In what ways do you need to submit to its teaching more?
2. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would come (v49). How do you feel about the Holy Spirit?
3. When it comes to the work of the Holy Spirit in your life, do you think you are ‘sitting back’ or ‘earnestly desiring’ the gifts that God has for you?
4. Picking up something Nat said on Sunday... In what ways do you need to lose some ‘spiritual weight’? How will you go about doing that?

A commission (v47-49)

1. Jesus said that “repentance of sins will be preached to all nations” (v47) and that the disciples are “witnesses” (v48). Do you find telling others about Jesus easy or hard? What could help you get better at this?
2. The words of Jesus in verses 47-48 can feel like a big calling. Perhaps spend some time praying and asking God to help you.
3. The disciples saw the risen Jesus. What helps you to keep your eyes on Jesus?

Response

- Perhaps spend some time in silence before God.
- Use a song, played in the background (or to sing), to draw near to God.