

Small Group Questions

Week of Sunday, March 31st, 2024

Launch

What are your most memorable childhood Easter memories? If Easter wasn't a part of your growing up at all, what were your perceptions of those who did celebrate Easter?

READ Luke 24

Observe

- Reading through the entire chapter, what details jump off the page at you? Why?

Process

- Cleopas's' words in verses 19-24 summarize not only the events of the earlier part of the chapter, but the state of Jesus' disciples (meaning the larger group of 70+, not simply the 12). How does Jesus respond to his summary in verse 26 and 27? Now read verse 31 and 45– What strikes you about Jesus' response in light of these later verses?
- How does verse 48 echo Matthew's words in Matthew 28:19-20? How does verse 48 also anticipate where Luke picks things up in Acts? (Read Acts 1:8).

Respond

- Putting all this together, what does Luke want us to learn and do in response to Jesus's words in verses 46-47?

READ Luke 24:1-8

Observe

- What were the women going to the tomb to do according to verse 1 and Mark 16:1?

Process

- Interestingly, the women do remember Jesus' words after the angel calls attention to them? Why do you think they, and the disciples forgot, or hadn't perceived of these words?

Respond

- What was your first response to the idea of Jesus's bodily resurrection in your own faith journey; and how did it (has it?) changed over time? Did you perceive it as preposterous or impossible, wonderful or terrible, glorious or hopeful? Other?

READ Luke 24:1-8

Observe

- What two things does Jesus do in Luke's account to assuage the disciples doubts and suspicions that they were seeing things; perhaps even a ghost?

Process

- How is verse 44 as critical to Jesus' mission as verses 46-47? (See also Matthew 5:17-18; Romans 7:4; Colossians 2:13-14)

Respond

- How has Jesus changed you? Where is He calling you to share your faith? Share some names with each other and pray for them and for boldness to tell them about Christ.