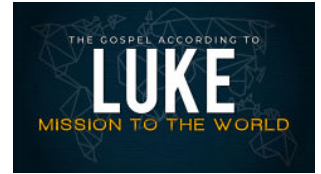


Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, November 24, 2024

Scripture: Luke 24:50-53



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus is the one who blesses, the object of our worship, and the cause of great joy.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

1. What is distracting you from following Jesus wholeheartedly? What areas of your life need to be realigned with following Jesus?
2. How can you help others see the beauty of Christ and follow him?
3. What are some examples of practical ways to follow Jesus without falling into unproductive mysticism?
4. What does it mean to be blessed by God (verse 51)? What other sources do we depend on to “bless” us, and what are the consequences?
5. Why was Jesus able to ascend to the glories of heaven at the Father’s side, though he had been cursed by his death on the cross (Deuteronomy 21:23; Galatians 3:13)? What can we learn from Jesus’ ascension (Luke 22:69; Romans 8:34)?
6. What is worship, and how do we know if we are properly worshiping God (verse 52a)? What does our culture teach us to worship in place of our God, and where does idolatry ultimately lead?
7. What is the root of the disciples’ joy (verse 52)? What is the difference between joy and happiness? How can our joy be rekindled when we feel it’s been lost?
8. Discuss the following statement: “Joy as a personal affection is expressed and strengthened through corporate worship and missional living” (verses 52-53).