

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, November 17, 2024

Scripture: Luke 24:36-49



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus alone offers peace through his atoning work, opens our minds to understand the Scriptures that point to him, and calls us to join in his mission to seek and save the lost.

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

1. Why were the disciples startled at Jesus' appearance (verse 36)?
2. Why do you think humanity starves for peace? Where do you search for peace? Discuss how Jesus is the only reliable, unshakable source of peace (John 3:17; Philippians 4:6-7).
3. After calming their fears, why does Jesus rebuke the disciples (verses 38-39)?
4. Why did Luke include a description of Jesus eating (verse 42)? Why was it such a marvel for the disciples, and what does this text reveal about the physically risen Christ?
5. How is his resurrection different from the resurrections Jesus performed during his ministry? What does this teach about our future resurrection?
6. How is Jesus the fulfillment of "the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms" (verse 44)? How does this influence how we approach and read the Bible?
7. What is necessary to properly understand, apply, and experience the transformative power of God's word (verse 45; Matthew 7:7-8)?
8. What work did Jesus prepare his disciples for (verses 47-49)? What is the role of a *witness*?
9. Having experienced the illuminating and soul-changing power of Christ and the Holy Spirit, are you eager to participate in the mission (Isaiah 49:6; Psalm 22:27; Psalm 98:1-3; Romans 1:16)? Is God calling you to serve locally or globally, and are you obedient to his call?