

Luke 24:36-53

Warming Up

1. If you could spend the day with any one person from history, who would it be and why?

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2. What are 'these things' the disciples are discussing in verse 36?
3. How would you react if someone you knew was dead appeared next to you?
4. Would you want to see the same kind of proof that the disciples did (verses 37 - 43)?
5. Why was it important that everything prophesied about Jesus in the Old Testament had to be fulfilled?
6. How does the death and resurrection of Christ bring repentance and forgiveness of sins?
7. What is this promise of the Father that Jesus promised in verse 49? Are believers in today's time included? If so, how do you think we receive it?
8. What do you imagine Jesus said to the disciples as a final blessing? What would he say to us today?

Moving Forward

9. Why do we 'proclaim these things' (verse 47)? What is the heart of what we believe?
10. Can we be witnesses to something we haven't physically seen? How do we give testimony to it?

Life Together

11. Who is one person you want to meet Jesus? Spend some time praying together for them.

Luke 24:36-53 - Some Leader's Notes

These notes are primarily for the Into the Passage portion, and are to be used just as guidelines or commentary notes. Most of them are my own thoughts, so take that with a grain of salt. Let the Word of God lead you to truth, not these notes. Don't place too much focus on them, and let the Bible study discussion lead primarily from the passage itself.

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4. What are 'these things' the disciples are discussing in verse 36?

They're talking about the rumours about Christ's resurrection – the missing body, the women's testimony, the stories from the emmaus travellers.

5. How would you react if someone you knew was dead appeared next to you?

Freaked out. Disbelieving. Punk'd.

6. Would you want to see the same kind of proof that the disciples did (verses 37 - 43)?

Yes. Because i'd have to know he's not a ghost. That it's not just me hallucinating - even though everyone else could see it.

7. Why was it important that everything prophesied about Jesus in the Old Testament had to be fulfilled?

It reveals Jesus as part of God's sovereign plan. That fact gives me great assurance, that even though my own future and life seem too big to bear, I am reminded that the God of eternity has a far grander plan that spans history.

8. How does the death and resurrection of Christ bring repentance and forgiveness of sins?

Christ's death is his sacrifice paid for our sins, and his resurrection brings us hope and new life. And so, knowing this, we turn to Him as God, confessing our sins and putting them to death with Christ, then receiving his forgiveness because of his resurrection.

9. What is this promise of the Father that Jesus promised in verse 49? Are believers in today's time included? If so, how do you think we receive it?

The promise is the coming of the Holy Spirit. It seems that modern believers are also included, as there were many other believers apart from those who were at Pentecost. And in other parts in the book of Acts, they pray for people to receive the Holy Spirit. This anointing of the Holy Spirit is an empowerment. It clothes us "with power from on high."

10. What do you imagine Jesus said to the disciples as a final blessing? What would he say to us today?

Possibly what is written in Matthew 28:18-20. He must have left the disciples with a great encouragement – that he lives, that God is with them always. Just He is coming again.