

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, May 24, 2009

Passage: Luke 24:13-53

Memory Passage: Luke 24:46-47

Sunday School Question: *From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?*

DAY 1 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 24:13-27.** Why does Luke make a point to say that these two travelers were kept from recognizing Jesus? What does this say about the nature of Jesus' appearance?
- (b) What is the overall attitude of Cleopas' response to Jesus' second question? What had they expected to happen? What was the final disappointment that they raise in the retelling of their story?
- (c) How does Jesus respond to their story? What does He proceed to do? Why would it be important for Him to explain these things before revealing Himself to them?
- (d) *Think about it:* Does God want our faith to be based upon an experience alone (2 Timothy 2:15-18)? What is the relationship between faith and truth? How does this passage relate that truth? What are you doing to build your foundation of truth upon which your faith can rest?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 24:13-27. Talk about what is going on in this passage. What would it have been like to be in Cleopas' and the other traveler's shoes? What were their expectations of Jesus? Why would Jesus not reveal Himself right away? What is the relationship between faith and truth? Pray that God would continue to give you insight into who He is so that you might believe rightly in who He is.

DAY 2 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 24:28-35.** What two incidents does the language of verse 30 seem to give reference to (Luke 9:16, 22:19)? Does Jesus' eating serve another purpose beyond making reference to these two events? Why wasn't this a communion meal?
- (b) What does Jesus' sudden disappearance tell us about the purpose of His appearance? How do the men respond to His revelation? What did they discover on returning to Jerusalem?
- (c) *Think about it:* Who is it that is opening and closing eyes? What is it they realize once their eyes are open? How does the truth of what they now see translate to the way they felt before they saw? How does 2 Corinthians 3:16-18 relate to this passage?
- (d) *Family:* Read Luke 24:28-35. What passages does this passage remind you of? Why is the breaking of the bread significant? Talk to your family about what it means that their eyes were opened. Who opened their eyes? Pray that if anyone you know or that is in the family does not have their eyes open to see who Christ really is, that they would.

DAY 3 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 24:36-43.** Why are the disciples afraid when they first see Jesus? What three things does He do to try and calm their fears (36, 39, 43)?
- (b) Why is the physical resurrection of Jesus so important (1 Cor. 15:14-20, 36-48, Col. 2:8-12; Rev. 1:5)? What type of physical body is this?
- (c) *Think about it:* Stop and ask yourself, "Is the bodily resurrection important to me?" Why? Do you look at it like Paul does in 1 Cor 15? Is it that important to you? Is it more than an intellectual assent? Do you have faith and hope in it?
- (d) *Family:* Read Luke 24:36-43. Talk about why the disciples are afraid. What does Jesus try to do to calm them? Why is it important that Jesus is raised physically from the dead? What is different about this body though (1 Cor 15:14-48)? Are you happy with the flesh that you have now or are you looking forward to the day that you will be given a new body? Thank God that He has given you victory over the deeds of the flesh and has promised a new body that will be free from the trappings that you experience now.

DAY 4 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

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- (a) **Read Luke 24:44-49.** What is the first thing He does in this passage? Why is it important to see what the OT says about Jesus? What does Jesus say was written in the Old Testament about Him?
- (b) What is the scope to which repentance and forgiveness should be proclaimed? What does Jesus promise to the disciples for help?

(c) *Think about it:* How do you think that this gospel to all nations was perceived by the disciples? What had they just been thinking Jesus had come to do? Why is the Holy Spirit essential for proclaiming the gospel?

(d) *Something to do:* Get a 3x5 card and write down two people that you know are not Christians and begin praying for them every day. Share these names with your spouse and home group. Ask God for an opportunity to personally share with them. Don't know any people who aren't Christians???? Take some time and get to know people outside of your circle. God has called us to be a witness to the world not just each other.

(e) *Family:* Read Luke 24:44-49. What does Jesus say that the Old Testament tells us about? Do you see in the Old Testament story pictures of Jesus? Where are some passages that talk about Jesus in the Old Testament? What does Jesus tell the disciples they are supposed to do? Look at letter (d) above. Who as a family would be on your card? Start praying for those people as a family and look for opportunities to share the grace and truth of Christ.

DAY 5 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Luke 24:50-53.** Where is Bethany in relation to Jerusalem? What does Jesus' physical ascension tell us about His current and future state? Will He ever cease to be both God and man (Rev. 21:1-7)?

(b) Where is Jesus going (John 20:17)? Why is it important to note that they worshiped Him? And why is it important to note that they returned to Jerusalem?

(c) *Think about it:* What does it say the disciples did when they returned to Jerusalem? Why would they continue meeting and worshiping at the temple? What does this imply about the nature of their worship? Was it done in solitude or corporately? Why is it so important to worship corporately (Heb 10:24-25)?

(d) *Family:* Read Luke 24:50-53. Talk about where Bethany is in relation to Jerusalem. What did Jesus do before He left? How will Jesus return when He comes back to establish His kingdom (Rev 21:1-7)? Talk about what the disciples did when they returned to Jerusalem. Why is it important to worship? Take some time today and in turn praise God for what Jesus did and who He is.

DAY 6 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

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(a) *Think back through what you have learned each day this week.* Is there anything that God has shown you this week that has been new? How do you look at the resurrection? Do you hold the Old Testament as important as the new? Why is the OT important? What has Jesus called every person to be (47-48)? Are you relying on the Holy Spirit for help and power to share the gospel?

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The Gifts of Christ

“Behold, I am sending the promise...”