

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, May 31, 2009

Passage: Luke 24:44-53

Memory Passage: Luke 2:10-11

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

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 1:1-4.** Who is Luke writing to? Was Luke the first to ever write an account about who Jesus was and what Jesus did?
- (b) What made Luke's approach different? Where did he get his information (verse 2; 1 John 1:1-3; Hebrews 2:3; 2 Peter 1:16)? What does this tell you about the accuracy of the gospel (2 Peter 1:15-16)?
- (c) What do we know about Luke's personal background (Colossians 4:14; 2 Timothy 4:11)? How might this affect his accuracy?
- (d) Does Luke record everything that happened? Why not (Psalm 40:5; John 21:25)? What was his reason for writing this gospel (verses 3-4)? What did John say was his reason (John 20:31)?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 1:1-4 and 2 Peter 1:15-16. Talk about the accuracy of God's Word. What attempts did Luke make to ensure its accuracy? Was Luke an eyewitness? What was his profession? Where did he get his information from? Why has he recorded this gospel? Praise God for giving us such an accurate account of the things that happened.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 4:14-32.** What did Jesus do following the temptation in the wilderness? How did the people respond to His ministry? What does this tell us about who they thought He was (Isaiah 42:8; 48:11)?
- (b) What was Jesus' regular custom (Luke 4:16)? Did He need to go to the synagogue for His own spiritual growth? How should this affect us as followers of Jesus (Hebrews 10:24-25)?
- (c) What are some of the things that were prophecies about the Messiah in Isaiah 61:1-2? What does Jesus leave off when reading from these two verses? Why (Hebrews 9:27-28)?
- (d) *Family:* Read Luke 4:14-21 and John 4:25-26. Talk together about some of the things that the Messiah would do. How did Jesus fulfill these? Why do you think He said these things were fulfilled in their hearing? What was the main focus of the coming of the Messiah? What will be the focus of His Second Coming? Pray for someone who does not know the Lord.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 7:36-50.** A major part of the ministry of Jesus is focused on forgiveness. Who invited Jesus to his house for dinner? What is surprising about this (Luke 7:30; Luke 6:7; Luke 11:53-43; Luke 20:20)? What does this tell us about our ministry *even* to those who reject the gospel continually?
- (b) Who else shows up at the dinner? What word is used to describe this woman? What unusual act does she do?
- (c) What do her actions tell you about how she feels about her sin (2 Corinthians 7:10-11 and Psalm 51:17)?
- (d) How does the parable answer Simon's objections about Jesus? What does this parable tell us about sin and forgiveness and our love for Jesus?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 7:36-38 and 1 Timothy 1:12-16 and discuss the nature of forgiveness. What is a believer's view of his own sin? How is this different from that of a non-believer? Spend some time thanking God for the grace He has given you.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 22:17-19.** What Jewish meal does Jesus make as a symbol for His new covenant? Why does He make this connection?
- (b) Read Exodus 12:1-14. What was the essential element of the Passover? Read Hebrews 9:22. What is the one essential for our salvation?
- (c) What is the New Covenant that Jesus speaks of (Hebrews 8:6-13)? What are the differences in this new covenant? How is it better?
- (d) Read Hebrews 10:1-14. What has Jesus done by one sacrifice (vs. 14)? How did He accomplish this ... what does Hebrews 10:5 refer to? How is the incarnation also essential for salvation?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 22:17-19 and Hebrews 10:1-14. Talk together about the death and resurrection of Jesus. What did the death of Jesus accomplish? Was there any other way? Why is the cross essential for our salvation? As you think of the Lord's Supper, talk about what you are remembering. Spend some time thanking Jesus for shedding His blood for your sins.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 24:44-53.** What does Jesus say was *necessary*? Is the cross enough to save us (trick question—see Romans 1:4; 1 Corinthians 15:12-19)?
- (b) What is also *necessary* (look carefully at verses 47-48)? Read Romans 10:13-15. What is our responsibility?
- (c) What promise is given to the disciples? Why is this essential for us to be effective witnesses?
- (d) What do the disciples regularly do in the temple? What is their heart attitude? How does this attitude affect our witness today? Read Philippians 4:4-5. Why should your heart be filled with great joy?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 24:44-53 and Luke 2:10-12. Talk about the blessings a person receives when they come to faith in Christ. Why should great joy be a common characteristic for believers? Take some time to rejoice together in all that the gospel of Jesus has given to you!

DAY 6 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

Think back through what you have learned each day this week. Read Luke 24:46-48. How would you summarize the gospel of Jesus Christ? What new things have you learned about this gospel during your studies? Pray for the message of the gospel to be clear in churches that gather together for worship tomorrow. Pray that Jesus might be worshipped with great joy!

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The Gospel of Great Joy!

“And they worshipped him and returned... with great joy...”