

GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

April 9, 2023 Luke 24:1-35 "Good News"

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

- 1. When you hear someone reference the gospel as "good news" what comes to mind? What about the resurrection of Jesus contributes to this "good news?"
- 2. In the ancient world, women lacked credibility and status. Why was it significant that they were the ones to announce the tomb was empty and Jesus was gone?
 - a. How do you think the women would have felt after experiencing the shock of the empty tomb followed by the outward disbelief of the disciples?
 - b. What are some examples of ways you have lacked faith when the messenger was different than expected (a child, marginalized community, lower-class, homeless person, etc.)?
- 3. When walking with Jesus, Cleopas states all that Jesus had done, leaving out the possibility of the resurrection. Tony mentioned that though they didn't doubt the tomb was empty, they refuse to believe the women because they don't see Jesus. What are examples from your own life where your sorrow or gloom has masked the beauty of what Jesus has done for you?
- 4. The whole story of Scripture points to Jesus and hinges at the resurrection. This event makes sense of all of the OT and the teachings that follow the Gospel accounts! What are other passages of Scripture that come to mind that were fulfilled through Christ's victory over death?
 - a. How has meditating on the resurrection strengthened, or emboldened, your faith in God's Word?
- 5. Imagine being with the disciples as their eyes are opened to the reality that Jesus was among them and he HAD INDEED risen from the grave. They noted that when Jesus was teaching them on the road, their "hearts [burned] within [them]."
 - a. What are things we can do individually, or as a GG, to help our hearts "burn within us?"
- 6. When Jesus revealed himself to the disciples, their sadness gave way to joy! The resurrection solved our greatest problem and is worthy of celebration! How has meditating and contemplating the resurrection this week influenced your faith?
 - a. How might it embolden us to live missionally and share Jesus with others?