



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

April 16, 2023

Luke 24:36-53

“Jesus Commissions His Disciples”

QUESTIONS

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

1. As we wrap up the book of Luke this week, what are the big events that mark the close of the book? How does Luke use the end of the book to prepare for Acts?
2. In tenderness, Jesus challenges the doubts his disciples may have been experiencing in their hearts. The disciples doubted even though they were physically able to see and touch Jesus. What are some ways that you handle doubt on this side of the resurrection?
 - a. Why is confidence in the resurrection of Jesus, and our resurrection to come, so important to the Christian faith?
 - b. How does knowing God's Word grow our confidence in the resurrection of Jesus?
3. Verse 45 reveals that God had to illuminate the minds of the disciples to understand the Scriptures. How does this text and the experience of the disciples encourage you in the reading and interpretation of God's Word?
4. The disciple's call to understand Scripture was accompanied with a call to proclaim the good news. What does this mean for us as Christ followers?
 - a. As instruction given to Jewish Christians, what is significant about Jesus's call to go "to all nations?"
5. Jesus promises that he will "clothe" the disciples with power to proclaim his name. Why do you think this was necessary?
 - a. What is an example of a time when you tried to accomplish something out of your own power rather than the power of the Spirit?
 - b. How does this truth encourage you towards pursuing your unbelieving community (neighbors, coworkers, family, etc.) with the gospel?
6. Jesus's ascension meant that the Spirit of Christ is now accessible. Why was it better for Jesus to ascend then stay and dwell on earth?
 - a. How does meditating on the ascension embolden your faith in God's Word?
7. Similar to his resurrection, Jesus's ascension resulted in joy rather than in sadness when he departed. The ascension left us with the Holy Spirit and is worthy of celebration! Why is the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives more important than all other sources of help (saints, GG, church, etc.)?
 - a. What could be hindering you from reveling in the joy of the ascension and impartation of the Holy Spirit today?
 - b. How can we as a GG work together to promote joy in the gospel in our group this week?