



A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of November 16, 2025

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

Luke 24:33-53

Why Do Doubts Arise in Your Hearts?

³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴ saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰ And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple blessing God.

- How do the disciples respond to an encounter with the resurrected Jesus? (33-35)
- What happens *while* they are reporting to the eleven apostles? (36-38)

- What does Jesus bring to them? How do they respond? Why? (36-37)
- What does Jesus invite them to do? Why? (38-40)
- They are still struggling to grasp the good news. Why do you think watching Him eat a piece of fish is really important for their (and our) understanding in this moment? (41-42)
- In this appearance of Jesus to His disciples, what does He want his followers to *understand*? How does he help them understand? (44-48)
- What does Jesus say is central to "everything that is written"? (46)
- How are the disciples (and us) now written into the story? (48)
- What promise is soon to be fulfilled? (49)
- When Jesus has led them out near Bethany, what happens? (50-53)
- When God shows us the reality of the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, when He assures us of His promises regarding our future and His provision, we are set at peace. What is one of God's promises that has brought you peace lately?
- Pray together in light of this week's passage.

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