



Week of April 15, 2018

Luke 24:36-48

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost 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 While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, 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 in their presence.

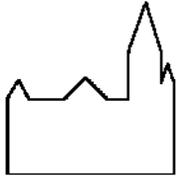
⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,

⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,

⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.



Group Leader

Remember: you don't need to use all of the questions. Go with what works. Give people a chance to think before answering, but if a question falls flat, move on. Let the discussion go where it needs to go, as long as it remains centered around the lesson. Give the participants page 1. Use this page for yourself.

Gathering questions:

- A. What is the last product, restaurant, store, etc. that you felt compelled to tell someone else about? What was it and why did you feel compelled to share?
- B. Describe a time that you didn't believe something you were told, that turned out to be true?

Bible Study Questions:

1. After showing them his wounds, what do you think is the significance of Jesus eating a piece of broiled fish?
2. In verse 45, what do you think it means when it says he "opened their minds"?
3. Consider verse 44: In your faith, how important are the Old Testament references to the coming Messiah, or is your faith in Jesus largely independent of them?
4. What convinces you of the reality that Christ is Risen?
5. Who were the persons who were most important in witnessing about Jesus to you?
6. How has your faith changed the way you live?
7. When have you witnessed to others about Jesus?

Closing prayer: particularly invite prayers about ways in which each person can become a better witness for Jesus.