

Personal Study Guide // Life Group Connection Guide

Seeks to help you dig deeper into God's Word on your own and/or aid in small group discussion in a Life Group during the week. Follow the simple prompts below in a journal or together in a small group setting. If you would like to join a midweek Life Group, please contact: jon@neighborhoodchurch.com

Mar 31 - EASTER SUNDAY::: *More than an Empty Tomb (Luke 24:36-53)*

• Welcome & Ice Breaker:

- The resurrection of Jesus is considered as the most important truth of faith in Jesus. Why do you think that is so? What difference would it make if you got to heaven and Jesus wasn't there? What difference would it make to your faith if Jesus is still dead? How would it affect your prayer life? (Consider meditating on 1 Corinthians 1:1-58)

• Important Dates:

- **Hume Lake Summer Camp** Sun-Sat, June 23-29 • Spots Still Available
 - Sign up today:
<https://www.neighborhoodchurch.com/connect/hume-2024>
- **Bible Day Camp** Mon-Fri, July 15-19 • Cypress Campus • Save the Dates

• Missional Sharing:

- This time of sharing is dedicated to help us strengthen awareness of the Holy Spirit's prompting in our lives and, help us share our opportunities and obstacles as we encourage each other to follow where Jesus leads.
- 1-2 group members will share the following each week:

- *Who was the Holy Spirit bringing to your attention in the last 7 days? What do you notice about that person? How have you felt God has prompted you to interact with them? What has kept you from doing that? How can our life group pray for you this next week?*

• Scripture Passage: **Luke 24:36-53**

- Begin by reading the passage out loud; even a few times if it is a shorter passage in order to let it settle down inside you.
- As the Scripture is being read, pay attention to any word, phrase, or feeling that the Holy Spirit may be highlighting to you.
- Then share what you noticed and/or write down your observations as the Spirit leads.

• Discussion/Personal Reflection:

- What challenged or impacted you during your devotional time with the Lord Jesus this week?
- If you were able to hear it, what did the Holy Spirit point out to you personally from Sunday's sermon?
- Jesus has mentioned many times He would be killed but rise again. See the Bible verses below and read a few. Yet when Jesus appears the disciples are frightened (see Luke 24:36-39). Why do you think the Disciples were not quick to believe Jesus has risen from the dead?

- What does the reality of the resurrection mean to you? How could you marvel more in the truth of Jesus' resurrection? Take up one or more of the resources listed below and enjoy exploring more about the resurrection of Jesus:

Books Mentioned:

- Case for the Resurrection by Lee Strobel
- Risen: 50 Reasons Why the Resurrection Changed Everything by Stephen Mathewson
- Risen Indeed: A Historical Investigation into the Resurrection of Jesus by Gary R. Habermas
- The Resurrection of the Son of God by NT Wright

Articles and Videos:

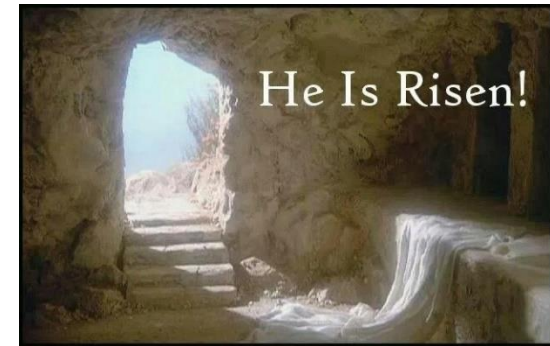
- Prophecies from the Old Testament about Jesus
<https://www.jesusfilm.org/blog/old-testament-prophecies/>
- Story of the gospel Bible projects:
<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/gospel-kingdom/>
- End of Luke's Gospel
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vb24Lk1Oh5M>

Scripture where Jesus said He would rise from the dead:

- John 11:25-26
- Mark 8:31, Matthew 27:22, Luke 9:22
- Matthew 20:17-19, Mark 10:32-34, Luke 18:31-33
- John 12:23-26
- John 2:19, Mark 14:58, Matthew 26:61
- Matthew 12:39, 16:4, 21:42

• Closing in Prayer:

- Use this time to share prayer requests (with the Lord in a journal or with each other in a Life Group), holding them up to the Lord Jesus for His care & guidance this next week.
- Consider those who the Holy Spirit may be placing on your heart to pray for this day. Seek to hold them up to the Lord for His intervening love in their lives or in your own.
- *"Lord, who are You putting on my heart today? Who needs a special touch from You in their life? Who can I hold up to You in prayer?"*



More than an Empty Tomb

Luke 24:36-53

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The reality of Jesus' resurrection empowers faith and the life we were meant to live.

Introduction Notes:

Road to Emmaus Luke 24:13-15

4 Actions that Empowers the Life-Changing Truth of Jesus' Resurrection

Marvel Jesus' Resurrection Luke 24:36-43

"Oh you of little faith" Matthew 8:26, 14:31, 17:20

Luke 9:22

Other Gospel accounts of the Resurrection: Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 16:1-13, John 20:1-20

Examine the Biblical Truths about Jesus Luke 24:44-47

Isaiah 52-53, Psalm 16:9-11 (Acts 2:24-32, 13:35)

Tell the World Luke 24:48-51

Acts 1:8

Acts 1:9-11

Bless God Luke 24:52-53

Psalm 16:7

Psalm 103:1

Psalm 104:1