

Luke 24:36-53 (New International Version)

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

37They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. 38He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? 39Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." 40When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. 41And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" 42They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43and he took it and ate it in their presence.

44He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

45Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48You are witnesses of these things. 49I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

50When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. 51While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. 52Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. 53And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

OASIS: PEACE—Luke 24: 36-53

Starter question (possible): If you had been one of Jesus' disciples, how would you have been feeling after his crucifixion? What about even after rumors of Jesus being alive?

- Pray for the Holy Spirit's leading (if you haven't already prayed)
- Read text either aloud or silently (or both).

Overview O question: In the sweep of this passage, what are some of the things going on in the hearts and minds of the disciples? Let's just list them here at the start.

first section—verses 36-43:

- O What were the disciples still talking about (v 36)? What just happening in Lk. 24?
 - I Why do you think he says "Peace be with you"?
- O How do the disciples respond to his appearance and his speaking to them? Why?
- O What does Jesus do to help them?
 - I If you'd been there, how would you have been helped?
 - A When people are really agitated, what are some of the practical ways we can assure them or help them "calm down"?
 - A Some people are really confused about Jesus. How can we tangibly help them?

second section—verses 44-49:

- O Jesus takes the time to explain to the disciples a number of things:
 - What does he want them to understand about the past? (the Scriptures and his death)
 - What are some of the things that he underscores about the future (and their role?)
 - I How might the "peace" that Jesus spoke about be needed for their future?
 - I What difference might it make if they don't experience his peace?
 - A How will Christ's peace contribute to your witness?

third section—verses 50-53:

- O What does Jesus do for the disciples in vs 50-51?
 - I Why do you think he took them?
- O What do we learn about their response?
 - I How would you compare their "frame of mind" now, compared to the start of this section?
 - A In what ways can we help one another experience the peace that Jesus wants to give us?**
 - A In what ways can we help encourage one another's experience of peace within our LC?**

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- a. BIG idea: Christ-like relationships are characterized by... **peace that is provided by Jesus Christ and then shared within our relationships.**
 - b. Key verses: Lk. 24: 36c: Jesus said to them, “Peace be with you.” Also, Lk. 24: 52: “Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.”
 - c. KEY: O = Observation; I = Interpretation; A = Application.
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Advice to leaders:

- a. Besides OIA questions, use “process questions” (what else? what more?)
- b. Pace the study—move on—**conclude strong**
- c. Determine the core questions you will ask (and know which ones to skip if pressed for time)
- d. Always reword questions in wording that is comfortable for you (If the question doesn’t make sense to you, then drop it.)