



Leaders: choose some, but not all of the following questions. Email me with any questions. Mark.

Study 5 – Luke 24:13-52 Resurrection appearances

You make like to begin by reading the passage again or at least making sure everyone has it open.

1. Is there anything that stood out for you from the passage or the message? New insights?

Jesus' followers are afraid

2. See Luke 24:13 – what did Mike suggest these two disciples were doing?
3. And what did Mike suggest about the disciples who remained in Jerusalem?
4. For THREE years (not eleven as Mike accidentally says), Jesus had been with them and told them his plans. Why didn't they grasp what was happening? What is comforting for us in this?

Jesus is still the good shepherd

5. What does Mike suggest Jesus is doing on the road to Emmaus?
6. What is Jesus doing in his first words to the disciples in the upper room?

Jesus has a new glory!

Mike pointed out that the disciples didn't know who he was at first... and then that he kept appearing and disappearing at will – even through locked doors!

7. Why does Jesus have this new and surprising quality? (See Luke 24:26 - Jesus has now entered a new realm of glory.)
8. What is the significance for our understanding of the ongoing importance of the Old Testament of Luke 24:27 and Luke 24:44?

The Messiah

Mike tells us that through his death and resurrection, we see Jesus clearly now has Messiah – God's anointed one – his chosen King. This Kingship will extend to all the nations – as repentance and forgiveness of sins are preached to all nations.

9. Repentance and forgiveness are STILL being preached! What does repentance actually mean? And how can we be assured of forgiveness whenever someone *does* repent?
10. Discuss how the parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15 is a brilliant example of repentance and forgiveness.
11. Mike said "repentance is always, immediately, met with forgiveness" because Jesus has done all the work needed for forgiveness in his suffering for us. As Easter approaches, how does this make you feel?
12. Everything we see here has been planned from the beginning. Jesus keeps on saying, 'it was necessary'... and his Father knew Jesus would suffer. And it was ALL so we might be in an amazingly close relationship with God! Discuss the only appropriate response to such love.

Share something you've learnt from the message and discussion. Give thanks for Jesus' resurrection and all that it means – and for all the scriptures which have been opened up to us to point us to Jesus.