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Easter Sunday

Discussion Guide

April 1, 2018

Luke 24:1-12 and Luke 24:36-49

Questions for Study

**Before discussing these questions, read through Luke 24:1-12 and Luke 24:36-49 as a group.

1. Begin your time by sharing stories of Easter when you were growing up. How did you celebrate? What memories stand out to you the most?
2. Why does Easter carry such incomparable significance for followers of Jesus Christ?
3. Read the following verses and – in your own words – discuss how they reinforce the importance of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. For each passage, make sure you also highlight what this means for us, and the way we live our lives.
 - Romans 6:3-10
 - 1 Corinthians 15:14-17
 - 1 Peter 1:3-4
4. Now read Ephesians 2:4-9 and answer the following questions:
 - Look closely at the end of verse 5: what do we learn here about our NEED for Christ's work on our behalf? (Interested in digging in more? Check out Romans 3:23 and Romans 5:6-8.)
 - Compare Ephesians 2:6-7 with Romans 6:3-4. What does Christ's resurrection mean for us?
 - Focus on Ephesians 2:8-9: HOW do we receive this gift God offers? Explain your response. What is your reaction to this truth we see in Scripture?
5. Based on what you've seen from these Bible verses, how should you respond to the reality of Christ's resurrection? Work as a group to develop a list of responses.
6. Choose one or two of these "responses" from the previous question. How can you practically apply this in your own life this week?
7. **Challenge:** Memorize Ephesians 2:8-9: ⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast.