

- Sing one or two songs from morning worship (printed in bulletin, available at redeemerprestemple.org under the “Resources” tab)
- Read the Scripture passage (printed below and in bulletin)
- Pray with a specific focus on people and situations in the group (spiritual growth, needs, encouragement, rejoicing)
- Pray for the truths discussed from the Scripture study to more deeply permeate our lives and empower us for service and mission together.

Discussion Questions

1. Why is the bodily resurrection of Jesus such an important tenet of the gospel message?
2. It's easy to fall into the predominant way of viewing life after death and heaven as a purely spiritual place of clouds, light, and harp music. How does the physicality of Christ's resurrection, and the physicality of our own resurrection, affect your hope for the world to come?
3. Christ's first words to his disciples after his resurrection were "Peace to you!" Why did they so desperately need to hear that greeting of peace? What is some specific area of your own life where you need to hear Christ's word of peace right now?
4. The disciples needed the work of the Holy Spirit to open up their minds to understand how all the Scriptures pointed to Christ in his redeeming work. Why is the work of the Spirit necessary for seeing Jesus in the Scriptures and believing in his saving work? How can we rely on the Spirit in our own reading and hearing of God's Word?
5. Each of the resurrection appearances of Jesus to his disciples ended in witness, with Christ giving his disciples explicit instruction about bearing witness for him at the end of Luke's Gospel. Yet they needed the wait for the power of the Holy Spirit in order to bear that witness. Why is the Spirit so critical in evangelism? What does it look like for you to rely on the power of the Spirit in bearing witness for Christ in your own life?

Announcements

- **LANDSCAPING WORK DAY** April 20 starting at 9am

Luke 24:36-49

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit 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 And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, 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 before them.

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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”