

Intro

How are you feeling about the start of the school year?

What are you thankful for this week?

What difficulties have you faced this week?

Pray

Read together Luke 24:1-12

24 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

Have someone else read it it a different version

Have Someone else retell the story in their own words
(Anyone want to add to that?)

Discuss

In this passage...

...what did you like?

... what surprised you?
... what confused you? Why?

What does this passage tell us about Jesus?

What does this passage tell us about people?

How did the apostles respond to what the women told them?

Why do you think that is?

How did Peter respond?

Why do you think he did that?

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Read together Luke 24:36-47

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.

Discuss

What happens in this passage?

What questions does this prompt for you?

What does this teach us about Jesus?

Why do you think Jesus told them to touch him and then ate before them?

What did Jesus want them to know without a doubt?

(Jesus has risen from the dead)

What is the significance of Jesus rising from the dead?

What does the phrase “repentance for the forgiveness of sins” mean?

(if needed ask - what is sin?)

Why is forgiveness important?

Read together Romans 10:9-10

⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Discuss

What do you think this passage means?

Explain:

The central point of the Bible is that God loves us, so much so that Jesus became human, died for our sin, and rose from the dead so we can be forgiven and have an intimate relationship with God.

Pray for these things

Thank God for this group, and for the truth of what Jesus has done for us

- Ask God to
 - take away our doubts,
 - help us believe Jesus has risen from dead
 - and to give us all a relationship with him

Ask If anyone has personal prayer requests.

Pray for those requests

Closing Communications

Invite people to a hang out time for your group

Invite people to the ACG this week.

Normalize bringing a friend.