

## COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

**The Life of Life**

LUKE 24:1-12

**OVERVIEW**

Luke is the longest and most comprehensive of the four Gospels, presenting Jesus as the Perfect Man who came to save sinners. Growing belief and growing opposition develop side by side. Those who believe Jesus' claims are challenged to count the cost of discipleship; those who oppose him will not be satisfied until the Son of Man hangs lifeless on a cross. But the resurrection ensures that his ministry of seeking and saving the lost will continue through his disciples once they have been equipped with the indwelling Holy Spirit. Luke reveals that Jesus is the King, and he has come to inaugurate his Kingdom. (Adapted from *Talk Through the Bible*).

**APPLY // LUKE 23:18-56**

1. Read Luke 23:18-56.
2. What does this passage tell us about God's character?
3. How does this passage increase your love for and delight in Christ?

**OBSERVE & INTERPRET // LUKE 24:1-12**

Study the passage of Scripture aiming to faithfully interpret and apply what you observe. Remember we study God's word not just to increase our knowledge, but to increase our trust in and treasuring of Jesus Christ.

**Overview/Big Idea:** In accordance with God's sovereign plan of redemption, Jesus was crucified but rose again on the third day.

1. Read Luke 24:1-12
2. Which day was the 'first day' of the week? Who is the "they" in verse 1? What are the women hoping to do once they reach Jesus' tomb? What clues in the text tell you about their frame of mind?
3. What happens when they arrive at the tomb? Notice the question from the two men. What is significant about the question they asked the women?
4. The strange men explain things more fully in verses 6-8. What does Luke mean by "then they remembered his words" (verse 8)? What had caused the women to forget Jesus' words? What helps them remember and believe now?
5. In verses 9-11 the women return to the apostles to share what they had seen and heard. How did the women expect the apostles to respond? How do they respond? What does the apostles' response tell us about how the apostles have regarded Jesus' words?

6. In verse 12, why does Peter get up and run to the tomb? How does he respond differently from the other 10 apostles? Why?
  7. Why is the resurrection important? Why is there no gospel if Jesus did not raise from the dead?
- General Bible study questions:
    - **God:** What does this passage teach me about the character of God?
    - **Humanity:** What does this passage teach me about myself and my need for God?
    - **Christ:** How does this passage teach me that God has met my needs in the person and work of Jesus Christ?
    - **Response:** How should I respond with my affections and my actions?
    - **God:** How does this passage help me hope in heaven?

## ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

**QUESTION:** Follow up from the previous week(s).