

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Yes, In Christ

LUKE 24:13-49

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 24:1-12

1. Read Luke 24:1-12
2. What does this passage tell us about God's character?
3. How does this passage give us hope no matter what we face?

OBSERVE & INTERPRET // LUKE 24:13-49

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: All of Scripture, which points to Jesus, is true and will come true.

1. Read Luke 24:13-49.
2. In verse 15 it says, "Jesus himself drew near and went with them." What does this mean? What does this tell us about Jesus?
3. Why were the men unable to recognize Jesus? Why do you think Jesus appeared to these disciples who were not even part of the chosen Twelve?
4. Why does Jesus ask this question in verse 17?
5. From Cleopas' answer in verse 18, what impact did Jesus' crucifixion have on Jerusalem?
6. In verses 19-20, what is significant about how Cleopas describes Jesus? Who does he see as responsible for Jesus' death?
7. In verses 21-24, what was the disciples' hope for Jesus?
8. How does Jesus respond in verses 25-26? What does verse 27 mean?
9. In verses 28-34, what caused them to recognize that they had been with Jesus? What part did the Scriptures play in their coming to recognize him? What do you think it means that their hearts "burned within them" when Jesus opened the Scriptures to them?

10. What is significant about how Jesus first reveals his resurrection to “the eleven”?
 11. According to verse 36, Jesus appears to his disciples in the middle of the discussion. Why does he greet them the way he does?
 12. What words and phrases communicate the thoughts of Jesus’ followers in verses 37-43?
 13. What are all the things Jesus does to help them believe it is really him, risen from death?
 14. In verses 44-47, what does Jesus want his followers to understand? How does he help them understand?
 15. In verses 48-49, Jesus lets his followers in on their role in the continuing fulfillment of the Scriptures. What will be involved immediately in being witnesses? What do you expect their “job description” to be once they are empowered by the Holy Spirit?
- 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).