

Jesus is... I am...

Community Group Leader's Guide

Luke 24:36-53 /// Week of April 9

Today's big idea: Jesus is Risen. I am Made New.

If group members don't have traditions now then encourage them to share about when they grew up and how that might have been different.

- Review the Community Group Guidelines together.
- What are some Easter traditions that you or your family have to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus?
- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.

Head

Do your best to do Bible Storytelling. It is a longer text but again, don't worry about all the details. Focus on the major dialogue and the changes in the disciples.

- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of Jesus appearing to his disciples.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from Luke 24:36-53 in the Bible.
- How did the disciples initially respond to Jesus and why?
- What proofs were there that Jesus was risen and not a ghost?
- What was different about the disciples by the end of the story?

Heart

Talking about fear and change can be difficult. Be ready to lead by example. Remember, you will determine the transparency and vulnerability of the group in how you share.

- Do you relate with the disciples more at the beginning of the story or the end of the story, and why?
- The disciples were scared when they first saw Jesus. What scared or scares you the most about following Jesus?
- What are ways that you have been changed by Jesus and/or what are some ways you might still need to be changed?

Hands

Try to remember who is focused on themselves and who is focused on helping others. These questions will help show you who you should follow up with outside of the group.

- Understanding the Scriptures ushered in the change in the disciples. What can you do to grow in your understanding of the Bible or to help someone else grow in their understanding?
- The disciples were afraid at first because they didn't trust that Jesus had risen. How can you overcome fear and trust more fully in Jesus?
- Each person share two or three names of people that you talk to about Jesus in the next month. Close by praying for each other and those opportunities.