



Ice Breaker Questions:

- Best Easter Candy: Jelly Beans, Peeps, Reese Eggs, Cadbury Eggs, Chocolate Bunny, Robin Eggs?

Read Luke 24

AN OPEN GRAVE TO CLOSED HEARTS

The Grave Opened- The women return to tomb to find the stone rolled away and Jesus was gone. They were confused but confronted by two Angels that tell them Jesus had risen!

-Why did the disciples not believe the women when they returned to tell them the tomb was empty?

> There is a cultural aspect that women were not seen as equals to men. Discuss the importance of Jesus' resurrection being revealed to women first. Jesus continues to be counter-cultural and reveal the importance of those that were considered 'less-than' during this time in history.

The Scripture Opened- Jesus appears to two of his followers on the road to Emmaus. He uses the scripture to explain all the prophecies that Jesus had fulfilled in his life.

-Why were the men on the road arguing about what had happened?

- Put yourself in their shoes...why would they have been confused and discouraged? They would have been afraid of the Roman government and for what was going to happen next. It would have been easy to lose focus on what was happening around them and all that Jesus had taught them.

-What does this section of the story reveal to us about the importance of Scripture?

- Jesus uses scripture to settle the argument among the men, remove doubt and provide encouragement to them. As he does in many times in his ministry, Jesus constantly reveals the importance of relying on Scripture and not our own feelings or beliefs.

Eyes and minds were opened- In the midst of Jesus' arrest, trial, and death, the disciples go through a range of emotions: Anger, fear, denial, doubt, sadness, etc.

- Looking back at Luke 24, name a couple of times that someone's eyes and minds were opened to the truth of Jesus?

- This is a great time to present the Gospel to your connect group and ask if anyone would like to share when they accepted Christ and had their eyes/mind opened. Also, encourage them to pray for someone in their own lives that they could share the Gospel with!

Heaven Opened- Vs. 51- “And while he was blessing them, he left them and was carried up into heaven.”

-Isn't it reassuring to know that Jesus is on his throne in Heaven!?

- Sometimes there aren't always practical applications to the scripture, but instead they provide a time of worship and celebration. Heaven is open to us all and the resurrection of Jesus is proof and hope that we don't have to fear death! We will have eternal life. Take some time to reflect and celebrate this with your group!

Prayer Time:

-Continue to pray for people on the front lines of the corona virus fight and for the lives that have been directly impacted by the changes in society at this time.

-Pray for Journey Point and that God can use us to serve our community during this hard time.

-Pray for those that have heard the Gospel through our Easter Service.