

He is Risen

MIDCITY CHURCH



I. CHECK-IN

- Check-in with each other. How is life? What is happening?
- Check in on last week's challenge:

Just as Jesus provided what Thomas needed to believe, he can do the same for each of us. This week, spend time in prayer and let God know what you need to see and experience to know in your heart that the good news really is true. Pay attention to the way God provides those needs for you.

V. PRAYER

Spend some time sharing prayer requests with each other. As the small group leader, we ask that you do two things:

1. write them down
2. ask someone to pray

IV. CHALLENGE

This week, practice better articulating your come-to-Jesus story, then make a plan to share it with someone so that you might inspire them to come to Jesus as well.

Be prepared to share your thoughts with the group next week.

III. DISCUSSION

- What thoughts do you have on the scripture?
- What different Bible stories have we talked about where people don't realize Jesus is risen and with them again? How do they compare?
- What is your come-to-Jesus story?
- Have you ever compared your come to Jesus story with that of others? Why? What was the outcome of that comparison?
- What are some obvious, and not so obvious ways in which the risen Jesus is being made known to you.

II. SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-35: On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. They were prevented from recognizing him. He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?" They stopped, their faces downcast. The one named Cleopas replied, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?" He said to them, "What things?" They said to him, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words, he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet. But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel. All these things happened three days ago. But there's more: Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this morning and didn't find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn't see him." Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about. Wasn't it necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then he interpreted for them the things written about himself in all the scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets. When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. But they urged him, saying, "Stay with us. It's nearly evening, and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. They said to each other, "Weren't our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?" They got up right then and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying to each other, "The Lord really has risen! He appeared to Simon!" Then the two disciples described what had happened along the road and how Jesus was made known to them as he broke the bread.