



PRODIGAL GOD

Discussion Guide

14-WEEK STUDY

IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

WEEK 11

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Luke 24:1-12, 1 Peter 1:3



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WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: Luke 24:1-12, 1 Peter 1:3

GETTING STARTED

Goals this week: To reflect on the life-changing, earth-shattering reality of the resurrection

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary

Break the Ice: How did your family celebrate Easter when you were growing up?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Did you read **Luke 22-24** last week? Discuss something that stood out to you from the reading or Sunday's sermon.
2. How did you experience Jesus this Easter?
3. One of the surprising features of Luke's Gospel account (Luke 24:1-12) is that Jesus isn't in it! Unlike Matthew and John, Luke seems to focus almost exclusively on Jesus' followers, specifically their confusion and unbelief. Why do you think Luke chose to do this?
4. On Sunday, Pastor Doug talked about all the indicators in Luke's account of the resurrection that demonstrate how confused and perplexed Jesus's followers were after His crucifixion. Read **Luke 24:1-12** together and point out words and phrases that demonstrate their fear and confusion.
5. Luke points out that Mary Magdalene was one of the women who went to the tomb to prepare Jesus' body. What do we know about Mary? Read **Luke 8:1-4** to get her story. Why is it significant that this same Mary became the world's first evangelist (see John 20:11-18)?
6. Luke records that Jesus predicted His death at least three times (see Luke 9:21-22, Luke 9:43b-45, and Luke 18:31-34). Why do you think the disciples didn't believe that this would happen?
7. Read **1 Peter 1:3**. How does the resurrection of Jesus give us new birth into a living hope?
8. Read **1 Corinthians 15:12-20**. What does this passage tell us about the implications of Jesus' resurrection?
9. Now that Easter is over, how do or should the events of Easter (specifically the resurrection of Jesus) make a difference in your day-to-day life?



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PRAYER

Pray for each other: Pray for each other and any specific needs.

Pray for yourself: Pray and ask God to help you reflect on the life-changing, earth-shattering reality of the resurrection this week.

Pray for your four: Identify four people who don't know Jesus (friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers/classmates), and commit to pray for them consistently. Pray that **(1)** God would reveal Jesus to them, **(2)** that God would turn their hearts towards Him, **(3)** that God would put Christians in their path to represent Christ, and **(4)** that God would give you an opportunity to share what Christ has done in your life.

THIS WEEK'S DAILY READING

Week 12—April 10-16 (Luke 24:13-49)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
Luke 24:13-16	Luke 24:17-24	Luke 24:25-29	Luke 24:30-35	Luke 24:36-44	Luke 24:45-49

NOTES
