

# SMALL GROUP GUIDE

## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

Luke is an 'orderly account' of the life of Jesus, and the way of life Jesus invites us into. As we SEE Him, so we see the implication of those words "come follow me." We will kick off 2024 from chapter 3 and work our way through this gospel account.



## WHEN YOU MEET:

This discussion relates to the teaching from Sunday 31 March

**SERMON:** [grlc.org.au/grlc-hub/](https://grlc.org.au/grlc-hub/)

**TESTIMONY TIME:** Have one person in the group share what they've been learning about Jesus.

**PRAY:** Share praise points and pain points, and think about who else around us might need prayer (e.g. Israel and Palestine, Russia and Ukraine, Myanmar)

**READ:** Luke 24, Isaiah 61

**DISCUSS:** *NOTE: the sermon-specific questions are on the next page...*

1. What especially challenges or inspires you in this passage and why?
2. What does this passage reveal about being God's people in Australia today?
3. What does this passage say about finding and sustaining unity as God's people?
4. What does this passage reveal about identity or purpose as God's people?
5. How does this passage lead you to a greater reliance on the Holy Spirit?

**PRAY:** Take 10 minutes to work through Examen together. You may want to allow a few moments afterwards for people to share what happened. Find more information and audio files on the website:

<https://grlc.org.au/2020/10/08/daily-examen/>

## MORE RESOURCES:

- Discipleship Resources Hub: [grlc.org.au/discipleship-resources/](https://grlc.org.au/discipleship-resources/)
- Latest sermon: <https://grlc.org.au/grlc-hub/>





## EASTER REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. *"The message of Easter is, all at once, easy to understand, radical, subversive and life-changing. Easter means that nothing is impossible with God. Moreover, that life triumphs over death. Love triumphs over hatred. Hope triumphs over despair. And that suffering is not the last word. Easter says, above all, that Jesus Christ is Lord."* (James Martin)

Reflect on this quote. Does it ring true for you? How has the resurrection changed your life? How is it still changing your life?

2. In Luke 24, Jesus, on several occasions, helps people make sense of His resurrection by taking them back through the scriptures. (e.g. *He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.* (Luke 24:44-45))

Why do you think Jesus needed to "open their minds so they could understand," and what might that mean for us as followers of Jesus today? How might Jesus need to open our minds today?

**Optional:** For a short overview of Christ in the Old Testament, you might like to read this article <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/essay/christ-in-the-old-testament/>

3. We examined the beautiful chapter of Isaiah 61. Read verses 1-7 together. What verses or phrases stand out for you in this passage? How does it encourage you? How does it challenge you?