



LUKE

A PROMISE KEPT

YOU ARE WITNESSES | LUKE 24:36-53

Read Luke 24:36-43 | Jesus Goes To His Disciples And Offers Peace

- What do you make of the disciples reaction to Jesus? How do you think you would have reacted if you'd been in the room?
- What evidence does Jesus give his disciples that he is not a ghost or a hallucination? What does this say about the state of Jesus's body?
- Jesus's first words to his frantic and fearful disciples is "Peace be with you." The Hebrew word for peace is shalom.

Cornelius Plantinga - a senior research fellow at the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship describes shalom as:

"The webbing together of God, humans, and all creation in justice, fulfillment and delight is what the Hebrew prophets call shalom. We call it peace, but it means far more than mere peace of mind or a ceasefire between enemies. In the Bible, shalom means universal flourishing, wholeness, and delight. Shalom in other words is the way things ought to be"

- In what ways has Jesus's resurrection brought us peace / shalom? What are the counterfeit shallots offered by the world? Why is the shalom Jesus offers us far better than anything else?
- If the shalom Jesus offers is true - how should this change the way we live. Work, lead our families and use our resources?

Read Luke 24:44-53 | Jesus Empowers His Disciples To Bear Witness To The World

- We described a biblical witness as someone (a) entrusted with the biblical message (b) empowered by the Holy Spirit (c) with a heart full of joy. Why are all 3 components vital to our witness? What can happen if you lose one of these 3 components?
- How are you growing in your ability to see Jesus in all of Scripture? What questions come to mind when you begin to think about all of scripture pointing to and finding its fulfillment in Jesus?
- How do you see the Holy Spirit at work in your life right now? In what ways might you be quenching the Holy Spirit? In what ways do you see the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5) at work in you?
- How are you seeking to foster a heart of joy for the things of Jesus? Why is it so important for us to maintain a strong spiritual vibrancy for Christ? How can we do that both individually and as a community of believers?
- Who has Christ put in your life that you need to bear witness to? How can we as a community help you? Pray for you? Be there or you?