



#### **A. Examining the texts.**

1. Read Luke 24:36-39. Why do you think that Jesus had to say: "Peace be with you," and "don't let your hearts be troubled?" What evidence does Luke give here that Jesus physically rose from dead?
2. Read Luke 24:40-43. What evidence does Luke give here that Jesus physically rose from the dead and it was not just a vision?
3. Read Luke 24:44-47. Why do you think that it was important for Luke to establish that the resurrection as a fulfillment of scripture?
4. Read Luke 24:45- 53. What does this section of Luke's gospel reveal to us about the mission God has for his disciples and how it relates to the resurrection?

#### **B. Meditation & application**

5. "Peace be with you and why are your hearts troubled." These are two things Jesus said after he rose to the disciples. How does the resurrection speak peace into troubled hearts and anxious minds in your life?
6. Luke tells us from the start of his gospel (Luke 1:1-4) that his intent was to give an eye- witness account to the events of Christs life and he closes calling disciples to continue what he has begun- the work of witness. How could you prepare yourself for the work of witness? Who could you witness too- and how could you utilize resurrection in your testimony to others?
7. In verse 48-49 Jesus ties witness to the provision of the Spirit- how do we engage the Spirit in the work of witnessing?
8. Luke seems to believe that the events of Easter led the disciples to continually praise God- how does the resurrection motivate you? What does it inspire you to do?

A Prayer: Heavenly Father- we praise you for the resurrection of Christ. We pray that his victory over death will give us his peace. We also ask that you would cloth us with power from on high that we too might be propelled outward carrying the good news. In Jesus Name- Amen.