



Tues 29/ Weds 30 November 2022: Luke 24v36-49 – A Meal of Promise

With Advent starting this week – when we remember not only Jesus' First Coming at Christmas, but especially his promised Second Coming one day – we meet him at another mealtime in Luke's gospel. It's the first Easter day, where the Risen One is opening up the Scriptures to his disciples.

1. a) If someone asked you what the Bible or Christianity is all about, what would you say? How would v.44-45 (and v.25-27) help? *If some in your group find this is difficult question to be able to talk about or answer, it might be a good opportunity to invite them to go along to the next Alpha course in January at HTC which is a great space to explore these questions further. Possibly even you could attend as a group...*

b) Do we approach the Bible first and foremost to know Jesus better? How can we keep Connecting Up to Him as the focus?

2. Re-read v.32 and v.44

a) Take a few moments to discuss honestly what our attitude and experience has been when we come to opening up/ reading the Bible – whether that's in the context of in church on a Sunday, in CG, or on our own? Do any of these contexts feel preferable to you? How so? Is there any resistance – either internally or externally to you reading Scripture?

b) What does Jesus need to do here for the disciples? (v32 and v45). How is that humbling for us?

3. Luke makes clear in v36-43 that the physical, historical, resurrection of Jesus really happened (see 1v3-4 too). How would you respond to a friend who says that is just 'myth' or a 'nice belief for you'?

4. Because of this Emmaus road day, Jesus is alive and so can give us his Peace, Presence and Power. If you were really honest, which of those are you most hungry for at the moment and why is that?

5. Look at v47-49. What is the promised power of Jesus (the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost) particularly given for? In what ways may the Spirit be empowering you to witness to Jesus this coming Christmas season?



Do pray as a CG that we'd have the hunger and humility to know the Risen Jesus more and more in His Word. And pray for His Spirit to embolden you to share Jesus in word and deed this Christmas season. Also pray for one another in the ways that have been shared that you are most in need of His Peace, Presence and Power right now.



As this is the last look at the Bible as a CG until the New Year, why not maybe get together with a couple of others (a Pod!) and read a **daily devotional Advent book** together (e.g. *One True Light* by Tim Chester, or, tied with today's CG study, *Rejoice! Advent in All the Scriptures* by Chris Wright).