

Real

Session 4

Easter

BIG IDEA

On Resurrection Sunday, a unique power was unleashed into the world.

GROUP OPENER

Why do you think Jesus was compelling to the people he encountered in his lifetime on earth?

Why does Jesus continue to be a compelling figure?

GROUP DISCUSSION

- Read this passage: Luke 24:1-9 & 45-53. Twice out loud, in different versions of the Bible – everyone listens.
- What are some significant observations you have about this text? What stood out? What didn't you like? What was confusing?
- What does this passage teach us about God? How does it change how I see God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity/ourselves? How would it change how I treat others?
- What does this passage teach us about obedience? How should it affect the way I live?

April 20
WEEKEND

As a Group Discussion:

Paul a follower of Jesus and a writer of much of the New Testament letters, shared this with the church at Ephesus.

"I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms."

Question:

Why is our understanding of the power of God important to Paul?

Discussion:

Take time with your group to discuss each of the following and ask how you see this power unleashed in what you read and in others today?

Lk 24:51-53 - Power of Joy & Peace

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. So they worshiped him and then returned to Jerusalem filled with great joy. And they spent all of their time in the Temple, praising God.

Lk 24:6 - Power of Hope

"Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? He isn't here! He is risen from the dead!"

Lk 24:47 - Power of Forgiveness

It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.'

Lk 24:48 - Power of Purpose

You are witnesses of all these things.

Lk 24:46 - Power of the Gospel

Jesus said, "Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day."

ACTION STEPS

I will statement...

- Based on what God is teaching in this passage, what should I do? Reflect for a minute or two and develop an action statement. Put it in the form, "I Will _____". Make it concrete, simple, and achievable.
- Share your "I Will" statement with the group.