

# Goldstone Church

## Small Group Questions

### **Luke 24:36-49**

#### **Review**

- Describe a place or an event that you experienced that you thought was so good, that it was almost *too good to be true*.
- Compare your left thumb fingerprint with the person/people next to you. What are the differences?
- What characteristics do you have that make you unique?

#### **Remind**

- Where does Jesus first appear to the disciples (v.36). See also John 20:19.
- What were Jesus' first words to the disciples (v.36)? How do these words match with Paul's teaching in Colossians 3:15?
- What does Jesus tell the disciples that he has, but that ghosts and apparitions do *not* have (v.39)?
- What food did Jesus eat in front of the disciples (v.42-43)? Why was this food available in Jerusalem? See also Nehemiah 13:16
- What did Jesus do to the disciples that he also did with the men on the road to Emmaus (v.45 and v.27)?
- Through Jesus' death and resurrection, who is eligible to receive "repentance and forgiveness of sins" (v.47)?

#### **Respond**

- Why do you think the disciples said *nothing* throughout this whole exchange with Jesus?
- Imagine yourself face-to-face with Jesus. What *one* question (only one!) would you want to ask him?
- Jesus calls the disciples "witnesses" (v.48). What do witnesses do? How can we better be witnesses for Jesus today?
- You could end by reading together Luke 24:46-48

## **Luke 24:36-49 (NIVUK)**

### **Jesus appears to the disciples**

<sup>36</sup> While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'

<sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, 'Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.'

<sup>40</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, 'Do you have anything here to eat?' <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate it in their presence.

<sup>44</sup> 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.'

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, 'This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'