EMPOWERED GOSPEL MISSION DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

LUKE 24.44-53

1 Why is the resurrection so pivotal to Christianity? What evidences for the resurrection do you find most convincing and why?

♀ Why should Jesus' followers have expected the resurrection rather than expressing surprise and doubt?

Discuss the following: For those with doubts, the truth of the resurrection strengthens our resolve like it did for Thomas, for those with conflict, the resurrection reconciles our relationships like it did for Peter, and for those who lack direction, the resurrection reminds us of our purpose like it did for the disciples.¹

What do believers need in order to fulfill the call to be Christ's witnesses?

What are some of the major things that inhibit people in your age and stage of life from playing a role in Jesus' mission to the nations?

Discuss the difference between senders and goers. What role do you think God has for you? How is God at work growing you in participating in His mission with your prayers, deeds, finances, or words?

- 3 Read the account of Jesus' ascension in Luke 24:50-53 and Acts 1:6-11. What would be missing from our theology if we had no account of the ascension?
 - What is the ascended Jesus up to right now? See also Hebrews 8:1, Romans 8:34, Hebrews 7:25, Ephesians 4:15-16, Hebrews 4:15-16, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Revelation 21:5
 - What difference does Jesus' post-ascension work make on your daily life? What about your week and outlook should change based on what He is doing right now?
- 4 Reflect on our study through the book of Luke this year. What is one insight about Jesus, His life and ministry, or those who followed Him that has stuck with you? Which stories have had the greatest impact on you and why?
 - ♀ If you had to sum up the Jesus you met in Luke's gospel in five words what would they be?
 - What is one thing you've learned about yourself in this journey through this gospel?
 - 🗱 What is one truth from the book of Luke that has had an impact on your life?
- 5 How has Luke's gospel prompted you to worship Jesus with great joy? What are some truths or insights from our journey through Luke that could provide fodder for a closing prayer of worship and rejoicing?