



SDG Discussion Guide

Luke 24:1-11

April 12, 2020

For starters:

How are you since the last time we talked?

What have you discovered or learned as we are going through this pandemic? What is most important to you now? What in your life seems less critical?

Guideline:

First, as you can, read aloud and slowly **Luke 24:1-11** in your group. As time permits, reread it in another Bible translation.

Before you begin your discussion, pray, and ask God to enlighten you, to show you where he has been at work and present in your previous days through places, events, and people. Pause in your prayer and listen. Then, ask Him to speak to your group now. Notice, what may God be bringing to your group for both collective and individual revelation and discussion?

Now that you have prayed, please see the following questions that may assist you in your discussion.

1. Imagine yourself as a follower of Jesus. You witnessed Jesus' death on the cross and saw his body wrapped and laid in a tomb for burial. You have prepared traditional spices for the body, and have brought them to the garden tomb. How would you respond to the empty tomb? What assumptions would you make?
2. Read Luke 9:22 and 9:44. Why did the angels need to remind the women of these words of Jesus? Why do you think that neither the women nor the twelve disciples made the connection between Jesus' words and the events of the crucifixion on their own? How might the words of the angels address their fears and sadness?
3. How did the disciples receive the news brought to them by the women? Why do you think that Peter responded differently? If you found yourself in the scene, would you have responded like the other disciples, or like Peter?
4. Why are the resurrection and the fulfillment of Jesus' words so very crucial to the faith of the women and the disciples, and to us, his disciples today?
5. Are there times or areas in your life where you struggle to trust Jesus' words? When there is no evidence or when it seems impossible, how can you trust God for His promises?
6. In what areas of your life are you sad and afraid? What difference does it make to you that Jesus is alive today and that you can trust his words?

Prayer:

Once again, spend plenty of time to gather the reflections and insights that have come from your study and turn them into a time of request and celebrative praise -- that in the Resurrection and hope we have in Christ, the worst thing is not the last thing. Hallelujah!!!