

Growth Group Questions

Easter Sunday, April 23, 2023

Introduction

Jesus taught the Emmaus disciples “what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.” Share around the group all the Old Testament prophecies you can think of about Jesus. The person that gets the most gets to choose the opening prayer leader.

Into the Word – Acts 2:14a, 32-41

1. The quote of Psalm 110 talks about Jesus sitting at God’s right hand. We use the same phrasing in the Apostles’ Creed. Use this quote to help explain that this phrase refers to authority and not location.
2. Our first lesson continues Peter’s sermon at Pentecost. Verse 36 is one of the greatest verses of Law and Gospel in the Bible. Identify each.
3. What does Peter say happens when someone repents and is baptized? Is this something the person does or something God does?

Into the Word – 1 Peter 1:17-21

4. Why does Peter encourage us to live as “strangers” while here on earth?
5. How was the way of life handed down to the Jews “empty”?

6. Describe your faith and hope in god as if you were sharing it with an unbeliever.

Into the Word – Luke 24:13-35

7. Why do you think Jesus didn’t immediately reveal his identity to the Emmaus disciples?
8. What does the disciples’ reaction to Jesus “ignorance” tell us about how widely known the crucifixion was? Why is that important?
9. What kind of “redemption” were the Emmaus disciples hoping for, thus leading to their disappointment?
10. These disciples had just told Jesus not to go on because of the approaching night. Why then did they go back to Jerusalem right away after learning who Jesus was?
11. What other lessons can we learn from the account of Jesus and the Emmaus disciples?

Closing Prayer

Risen Savior, because you live – we live. Because your rose – we too will rise. Keep us in Easter joy and confidence, help us to quiet our doubts and fears, and renew our hope in you. Give us opportunities to share the reasons for the hope we have with all we meet. Amen.