

# **Growth Group Questions**

*Third Sunday of Easter, April 14, 2024*

## **Introduction**

Our Easter season theme this year is “Resurrection Reality.” Paul tells us that if Christ isn’t raised our faith is futile. As a group, come up with the specific teachings we would have to doubt if Jesus never rose from the grave.

## **Into the Word** – Acts 3:11-20

1. How were Peter and John able to heal this man by a miracle?
2. Read the account of the healing in Acts 3:1-10. Note that The man doesn’t do or say anything spiritual before the healing. So whose faith do you think Peter meant when he said this healing happened by faith?
3. We tend to dwell on the miracle of the healing, but what more important thing did Peter do after the healing? Why was this more important, and how does that help limit our disappointment at not seeing frequent miracle healings today?

## **Into the Word** – 1 John 1:1-2:2

4. Why is John’s eyewitness testimony so important to our peace and hope in Christ 2000 years later?
5. Explain the two types of fellowship John writes about? What is the blessing of each?

6. I didn’t get to talk much about the light and darkness sections, but why does a believer living in faith turn away from sins of darkness?
7. Explain how you might use 2:1-2 to address someone who has fallen into sin and now come to you confessing it.

## **Into the Word** – Luke 24:36-49

8. In Luke’s accounting of Easter morning, these verses immediately follow the “Road to Emmaus” appearance. This is the first time the Eleven see Jesus. How does he immediately give them comfort? (One each in verses 36, 39-40, and 41.)
9. Jesus’ mention of the “Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms” is describing exactly the three-part division the Jews used for their Old Testament, their Bible. It would be like him telling us today “The Old and New Testament.” How does the Bible today still carry out the same purpose for us as it did for the disciples?
10. Why does Jesus need to “open the minds” of the disciples? Read 1 Corinthians 2:14 and talk about the verse’s larger implications for conversion in general.
11. Since the Spirit must open minds to believe, what does that mean for our witnessing and outreach efforts? What **MUST** be at the center of it?

## **Closing Prayer**

Risen Savior, because you live – we live. Bless us with peace and zeal to share this meaningful message with others. Amen.