

***Follow Me — and I Will Make You Fishers***

(A Journey Through the Gospel of Luke)

“Risen and Redeemed”

Luke 24:1-35

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***He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!***

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**I. Because Jesus Is Risen, Our \_\_\_\_\_ Is Redeemed (Luke 24:1-12)**

*“They found the stone rolled away from the tomb.” (Luke 24:2)*

*“Why do you look for the living among the dead?” (Luke 24:5)*

*“Peter got up and ran to the tomb. When he stooped to look in, he saw only the linen cloths. So he went away, amazed at what had happened.” (Luke 24:12)*

**II. Because Jesus Is Risen, Our \_\_\_\_\_ Is Redeemed (Luke 24:13-27)**

*“We had hoped...” (Luke 24:21)*

*“Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted for them the things concerning himself in all the Scriptures.” (Luke 24:27)*

**III. Because Jesus Is Risen, Our \_\_\_\_\_ Are Redeemed  
(Luke 24:28-35)**

*“Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him.” (Luke 24:31)*

*“Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” (Luke 24:32)*

*“Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread.” (Luke 24:35)*

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## Small Group Questions — Week 7

**Series:** Follow Me — and I Will Make You Fishers

**Week 7 Title:** Risen and Redeemed

**Text:** Luke 24:1–35

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### Start Here — Reflective Question

Have you ever experienced a moment where something that felt like a loss or disappointment ended up becoming something good?

What changed your perspective in that situation?

(Allow a few moments for people to share briefly.)

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### Read the Passage

Have someone read one or more of the following sections aloud before discussion:

Luke 24:1–12 (The Empty Tomb)

Luke 24:13–27 (The Road to Emmaus)

Luke 24:28–35 (Eyes Opened)

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### Discussion Questions

**1.** In Luke 24:1–12, the women come to the tomb expecting death but encounter the reality of the resurrection.

Why do you think it was difficult for them—and the disciples—to believe that Jesus had risen?

How do we sometimes “look for the living among the dead” in our own lives?

**2.** The angels remind them of what Jesus had already said.

Why is it important to remember God’s Word in moments of confusion or disappointment?

What helps you hold onto truth when your circumstances feel uncertain?

**3.** In Luke 24:21, the disciples say, “We had hoped…”

What does that statement reveal about their expectations of Jesus?

Have you ever had a “we had hoped” moment in your own life? What did you learn from it?

**4.** Jesus walks with the disciples on the road but they don’t recognize Him.

Why do you think they missed Him?

Where might Jesus be at work in your life right now that you may not fully recognize?

**5.** When Jesus opens the Scriptures, everything begins to make sense.

How does understanding God’s bigger story help redeem our personal story?

Why is it important to interpret our experiences through Scripture instead of the other way around?

**6.** When their eyes are opened, everything changes—and they immediately go tell others..

What does this teach us about the connection between encountering Jesus and sharing Him?

What might be holding you back from sharing what Jesus has done in your life?

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### Disciple-Making Connection

The sermon emphasized: **Because Jesus is risen, what was broken can be redeemed.**

Where have you seen God bring redemption in your life—whether in your hope, your story, or your heart?

Who is one person you could share that story with this week?

What is one simple step you can take to be more intentional about pointing others to Jesus?

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### Close Together

Pray that God would help you see His work even in the middle of uncertainty, trust His plan even when you don’t understand it, and recognize the presence of Jesus in your everyday life.

Ask Him to redeem every area of your life and to use your story to bring hope to others.