

HOME GROUP NOTES 15th. April 2018

ICE BREAKER

Do you have a phrase or habit, by which people might recognize you?

or

Can you recall a decision that you have hesitated over ? What were the consequences?

WORSHIP -

Say together Psalm 8

WORD

Read Luke 24:35-48

1. Compare the mindset of the two travelers in **v35**, with the disciples gathered behind locked doors. Remembering that Jesus' first followers didn't have a copy of the New Testament!
2. Explore how Luke emphasizes the supernatural and physical nature of Jesus. In what way does this satisfy that Jesus was both human and divine?
3. **Read Luke 1:26-38** Compare Mary's response with the disciples initial response, in what way are fear, stillness, trust and timing features of an encounter with God's presence?
4. Doubt appears to be a major theme in recognizing the power of the resurrection. In what ways does doubt challenge our commitment to God? **Read Revelation 3:20**
5. **Read Matthew 14: 22-33** In what way does our hesitation to accept the Gospel, with the enthusiasm of children, limit God's salvation plan? What does Peter's hesitation teach us?
6. **Read Mark 6:30-42** What can we learn from **Luke 24:35-48** in relation to the feeding of the multitude?

7. Evangelism is a key motif in Luke's gospel. Reflecting on **v48** consider how we take the responsibility of *witness* seriously.
8. Jesus' resurrection centers on repentance and forgiveness of sins, how does an understanding and response to this shape our faith and the faith of those around us?
9. Theologians suggest, '*Doubt is a constant attitude of questioning towards God, where faith is a constant attitude of trust and openness.*' How then might we challenge and encourage one another to continue to grow in faith?
10. In what ways does The Lord's Prayer set an agenda to change the World?

WITNESS

Pray for each other to respond to God's outrageous grace.

Pray that individually and collectively we'd encourage one another to seek God more faithfully.

Pray for the faithful teaching and preaching at St Michael's & St. John's.

Pray that our faith may reveal the power of the risen Lord in our community and nation.

Pray for those who are ill or in any kind of need, and those who have been bereaved, remembering especially those who are and have been members of our churches.

Close with the Grace.