

How “All In” Happens

Week of April 28, 2019



These Digging Deeper questions can be used the week following the Sunday message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your family or Connect Group discussions.

Message Recap:

Read Luke 24:13-35 and Acts 2:42-47

The resurrection is the reality that changed everything for first-century believers. It was the catalyst that made 11 scared men turn into men who were sure of who Christ was, and become confident leaders of the biggest movement that the world has ever known. How did that happen? They went from *hoping* in Jesus to being *sure of the truth that Jesus was alive* in their world. We can have that assurance too, if we would just let go of our doubts and believe for sure that Jesus is alive in our world. ALL IN for God begins when we are sure that we've seen Jesus alive in the world. Much of our faith is past tense or filled with a past tense story and a past tense Jesus; we forfeit resurrected living because we are disappointed in God - and we walk away because we refuse to see. It isn't about seeing with our eyes, but with our heart. When we see Jesus with our heart we can say, "I have seen and I am certain" in the same way the men who walked with Jesus on the road to Emmaus did.

Pray

Let us see you with our hearts. Let us move from disappointment and uncertainty to the assurance that you live. Let that assurance give us a new direction, new confidence and a new commitment to your life-changing story. Let our lives be passionate for you and the purpose you give us.

Getting Started

- Share a story about a time when you hid because you were scared or you didn't want to do something.
- Put yourself in the shoes of the disciples after the crucifixion of Jesus. Would you have gone into hiding? What would you have done when the women came back and said that Jesus wasn't in the tomb?

Digging Deeper

1. Why or how is the resurrection story such a different element from any other "religion"?
2. Read Luke 24:13-35. Why are we so slow to believe that Jesus is alive?
3. How were the men who were with Jesus (but didn't know it) affected by walking along the road with Jesus?
4. Do you believe Jesus is alive? If so, how have you seen him in your life or the lives of others?
5. What are some things people do that show they are sure that Jesus is a alive?
6. Where are you on a scale of "I've heard about Jesus and hope its true," to "I have seen and am certain of Jesus," to "I am living a life visibly changed by Jesus." What difference is knowing Jesus making in your life?
7. Knowing Jesus means there is a call on your life. What is your call? And what are you doing/going to do about it?

Living Jesus

Most of us are living "I had heard and hoped" lives and walking away from God because things didn't go as we thought they should. But once we actually believe that Jesus is alive, we move to, "I have seen and am certain," like the men in Luke 24:13-35. As such, we can live a life with a new direction, new confidence, and a new commitment to the life-changing story of Jesus Christ, the risen son of God. Once you're sure you've seen him, everything changes! Your life becomes full of purpose and you move toward what is broken to see Jesus, to be Jesus, and to point to Jesus. This is Living Jesus.

What's Your Story?

Are you sure Jesus is alive? Where do you see him? What are you doing about the call he has placed on your life?

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