

1. Initial hesitation to share the Good News

- a) Luke 24:1-10 What was the response of the women when they reached the empty tomb and heard the message from the angels?
- b) How did the disciples respond when they heard the startling message from the women who came from the empty tomb? Luke 24:11
- c) Simon Peter and John responded differently. Why? Luke 24:12, John 20:1-10
- d) What was the attitude of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus? Luke 24:13-24
- e) Why were the disciples so slow to believe the truths proclaimed by Jesus and by heavenly angels?
- f) What holds us back from sharing the Good News about a Risen Savior?

2. Inspired and inspiring revelation

- a) Luke 24:25-27 What prophecies might Jesus have shared with the disciples on the road to Emmaus? Micah 5:2, Zechariah 9:9, Psalm 22, etc.
- b) How did these two disciples respond to this inspired and inspiring Bible study? Luke 24:32-35
- c) What was the reaction of the other disciples when heard the testimony from the Emmaus Road and then encountered the Risen Christ? Luke 24:33-43
- d) How was the Bible study in Jerusalem different from the one on the Emmaus Road? Luke 24:44-45

- e) Why is a personal encounter with Jesus and His Word an essential preparation for mission?

3. Preparation for the mission assignment

- a) Luke 24:46-49
- b) What did the disciples do while they were waiting for the promised blessing? Acts 1:12-26
- c) How did the disciples know when the promised blessing had come? Acts 2:1-4

4. Mission in motion

- a) How did the crowd in Jerusalem respond to the bold preaching of Peter and the other apostles? Acts 2:36-37
- b) What specific appeal did Peter make in response to the moving of the Holy Spirit? Acts 2:38-40
- c) How do you think the apostles reacted when they witnessed the response of the crowd? Acts 2:41
- d) Acts 2:42-47 What essential activities are outlined in this passage that helped prepare the early Christian church for mission?
- e) What sacrifices were these early Christian leaders willing to make to fulfill their God-given mission?
- f) Share a personal mission experience. What was the most important preparation you made?

