

GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION

CONNECT

If you could reconnect with one person from an earlier time in your life, who would it be? Why?

LEARN & APPLY

Read Luke 24:36-53. Take turns reading section by section around the group.

- There's a lot of emphasis here on Jesus being really present. Share a time when you have been aware of Jesus' presence in your life.
- What impact did or does that experience have on you?
- Joy is a big theme in this story (verses 41, 52). What helps to keep you in touch with the joy of following Jesus? In your experience what is most joyful about following Jesus?
- What things steal your Christian joy?

Jesus' ascension means he is present to us in a different way now. But even more, it's meant to signify his authority. Sitting at the right hand of God, he's in charge. This is what it means to say Jesus is Lord.

- Try to make a list of other authorities in your life (bosses, laws, unwritten rules, etc.). How do these authorities shape your life?
- How would your life be different if you had a clearer picture of Jesus as the highest authority? Specifically, how would you feel differently, and what would you do differently?

This is the final story in our journey through Luke this year. What lessons or experiences do you want to remember? What ways is God leading you to grow or respond? (Remember our special focuses on the Holy Spirit, Brokenness & Transformation, Money & Possessions, and Prayer.)

PRAY

Try a "popcorn" style prayer this week. Choose someone to begin and end, and everyone else can say brief prayers in between.