

April 15- Wednesday

The Next Study for the Week

This next week we are going to see the completion of Jesus' ministry on earth. Christ's resurrection is great news: He lives and saves-Praise the Lord! But guess what, there is more. John 16 :7 Jesus says, "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you." The book of John goes in to detail re: The Holy Spirit but doesn't recount the Ascension, "So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God," Mark 16:19.

Enjoy reading how each Gospel writer chooses to end his account. For the discussion, we are going to look at the Book of Luke, 24: 44-53 and 1st chapter in Acts, verses 1-12. (Most scholars believe Luke is the author of both Books.)

Reflection: During your study time, PRAY for God to reveal Himself to you. Ask yourself, "What does this passage mean to me? How can I be encouraged, motivated, challenged?"

Questions to Discuss:

1. Any interesting lessons learned while Jesus ministered after rising from the dead?
2. How did the disciples respond to Jesus before and after His ascension?
3. What "cool stuff" is promised to aid in sharing the Good News?
4. Are these promises for us? Are we asked to "Go?" (Matt. 28:19f)
5. APPLICATION-How do we respond to the Lord's teachings? Today, what doe "Go-ing" look like for us individually? How are we empowered?

DIG DEEPER:

John 14:16-26 (Role of Holy Spirit)

John 16:5-15 (Promise of the Holy Spirit)

1 Corinthians 15:1-19 (Jesus' death and resurrection is discussed)

Fun Sources:

CASE FOR CHRIST, etc. These books take the Biblical text and provide proof of its truth through additional outside evidence, historical writings and rational conclusions (2+2=4). I love when I find books that help me explain what I believe as well as show me that it is more than faith that I stand on....i.e. The Bible is more than a religious book; it is historically reliable (It passes all three secular test=Bibliographical, Internal and External.) <https://leestrobels.com/about>

Bonus: Lee's atheistic journey to prove Jesus/God and the Bible are fiction is now a wonderful movie. Seeing the evidence that an atheist was unable to deny strengthens my faith.