

Life Group Notes & Discussion Guide, April 20th, 2025

Why Do You Look for the Living Among the Dead?"

Sermon Text: **Luke 24:1-12**; Old Testament Text: **Psalms 85:1-13**; New Testament Text: **1 John 3:1-3**. Read **Luke 24:1-12** as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

1. **Read Luke 24:1-3.** What had the women originally gone to the tomb to do?

What prevented them from doing it?

2. **Read Luke 24:4-8.** What did the angels ask the women?

Why shouldn't the women have been surprised not to see Jesus in the tomb?

3. **Read Luke 24:9-12.** What did the women do after leaving the tomb?

How did the disciples react?

What did Peter do?

4. How do you think you would have reacted if you had been the women?

How do you think you would have reacted if you had been one of His disciples?

Why do you think the disciples & women forgot that Jesus told them he must suffer at the hands of the religious leaders, be put to death, and be raised to life after 3 days?

Pastor Dave's Four Questions

1. Are you aware that God loves you?
If you said, "Yes," in what ways do you feel His love?

If you said, "No," what do you think is preventing you from experiencing His love?

2. Are you aware of your great need to love God?

Why must love be mutual for both parties to get the most out of it?

In what ways are you letting God know you love Him?

3. Are you aware that God is speaking to you?

What are some different ways Pr. Dave said God might speak to us?

How do you best hear God?

4. Are you aware that the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is living within you?

In what ways does the Holy Spirit make Himself known to you?

5. What will you most remember from this message?

Discussion Guide for Your Life Group Meeting

- I. At your Life Group meeting, first read **Psalm 85:1-13** aloud. It can be helpful to have several people each read one verse from their Bible. This helps people feel involved and can also introduce some interesting discussion if several translations are used. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
 1. What type of Psalm is this? (Who does it point to?)
 2. What is Israel's ongoing problem?
 3. What is the only solution to their problem & our problem?
 4. **Read Ps. 85:9-13** aloud again. Verse by verse, tell how each one reveals new truths about the Messiah.

- II. Next read **1 John 3:1-3**, utilizing several group members to each read one verse aloud. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
 1. Have someone read **1 John 3:1** from the NIV. What kind imagery does the word *lavished* evoke?
 2. How much of God's love do you think God wants us to experience?
 3. What prevents us from experiencing such fullness on a regular basis?
 4. What title has God bestowed upon us in His great love?
 5. Why doesn't most of the world know us?
 6. According to **1 John 3:2**, what will happen to followers of Christ when He returns?
 7. What will all who have hope in Him seek to do with their lives?

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 6. How did the disciples react?
 7. What did Peter do?
 8. How do you think you would have reacted if you had been the women?
 9. How do you think you would have reacted if you had been one of His disciples?
 10. Why do you think the disciples & women forgot that Jesus told them he must suffer at the hands of the religious leaders, be put to death, and be raised to life after 3 days?

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