

BCC Connection Group Questions: Week of April 9, 2023
Sermon Series: "He Is"

***Leaders Note:** Just a reminder that this is a guide to help facilitate your group. You do not have to cover all of the material on this lesson.

READ: Luke 1:1-4, Luke 24: 1-7, Romans 4:25, Romans 5:1-2; 9-11

OPEN:

- How was your Holy Week and Easter Sunday? Briefly share.
- What is your favorite movie? Briefly share why you like this movie.
- Why do people love a good story?
- Why do the Gospels tell the story of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ?

DIG:

Read: Luke 1:1-4

- *'The Gospel of Luke'* was written by a man named Luke, who was a physician/doctor by trade. Why was it important for Luke to provide an "orderly account" of the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus?
- What makes the credibility of the witnesses and the pursuit to tell the truth important for Luke in Luke 1:4?

Read: Luke 24:1-7

- Luke 24:1-3 gives an orderly account of Jesus' resurrection. Why did the women go to the grave on Sunday?
- What is the significance of Luke sharing that women were the first to see the empty tomb? How does Luke show honor to these women?
- Discuss this quote: "The stone wasn't so that Jesus could get out! It was so that we could see in and see that Jesus was missing!"
- The two angels that were at the empty tomb asked the women in Luke 24:5, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive?" In what way does this statement / evidence strengthen the resurrection account of Jesus that Luke provides?
- How have you encountered God recently in your own faith journey?
- Luke 24:6-7 the angels remind the women in this account that Jesus said that this (resurrection) was going to happen. Why is it important to understand that He is Risen! Why does the resurrection matter in Luke? Why does the resurrection matter in 2023 to you?
- Discuss the Big Idea from the Easter Message as a group. The Resurrection of Jesus provides us with three divine privileges: 1) Peace with God. 2) Undeserved Privilege. 3) Power of Friendship.

REFLECT:

- Read Romans 4:25. In what ways did Christ "make us right with God"?
- Justification means to make right, divine approval, liberated from sin. In other words, "just as if" we never sinned. Why is it important for believers to acknowledge and repent of sin?
- Grace is undeserved privilege, and we now have freedom in Christ because of His death on the Cross and the Resurrection from the dead. Discuss how Jesus' resurrection provides freedom.
- Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future hope." How has Jesus provided you with Godly vision and direction for your life?
- What are the two or three things the Holy Spirit spoke most clearly to you this connection group today and how will you respond to Him?

VISION OPPORTUNITIES:

Encourage your group members to take these next steps:

- **Water Baptisms, Sunday, April 30th**
Baptisms is a public declaration that you are a believer in Jesus Christ. Ask your group members if they have been baptized, and if not, encourage them to take their next step to be baptized. They can sign up online or Sunday at the Connection Point.
- **Next Steps, Sunday April 16th**
This is for those who are interested in learning more about Bridge City Church, what it means to be a member, how they can be an active growing part of our church family.