

## Life Steps

### Day 1

Luke 24:1-12 & 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

The fact that women reported the Resurrection, is evidence that Jesus rose from the dead. A woman's testimony was not seen as valid. If you were making this up you wouldn't have a group of women be the first to encounter the resurrected Christ. What other reasons do we have to believe in the resurrection? What has happened in your life to convince you that Jesus is who he says he is?

### Day 2

Luke 24:13-35 & Matthew 7:7-8

Verse 16 suggests Jesus kept the disciples from recognizing who he was. Why would Jesus do that? What does this tell us about how God uses ambiguity in our lives? What is the significance of when their eyes were opened so they could recognize Jesus?

### Day 3

Luke 24:36-49 & 1 Corinthians 15:12-22

This passage says Jesus didn't come back as a ghost but with a real body. What is the significance of faith in a bodily resurrection? How should that faith influence how we live right now?

### Day 4

John 20:1-18, John 1:1-5 & 2 Corinthians 5:17

What from the two passages in John reminds you of the creation account found in Genesis 1 & 2? How does all of this inform what the resurrection of Jesus has brought about? How does this influence your understanding of what Jesus is doing in you and with the world?

### Day 5

John 20:19-31

In what ways do you relate with Thomas? What are some of your own doubts? Thomas' doubt led him to a clearer understanding of who Jesus is. Thomas eventually calls Jesus God. How can you respond to your own doubts to lead you in that same direction?

### Day 6

John 21:1-14

After their experiences, why do you think the disciples went back to fishing? How do you find yourself going back to "fishing"? How does Jesus respond to them? How does their lack of faith and struggle to really trust that Jesus was back from the dead encourage you?

### Day 7

John 21:15-25 & Ephesians 1:7-10

Why did Jesus ask Peter "Do you love me?" three times? What does this teach us about God's forgiveness? (Notice the word redemption in Ephesians 1.) Based on what we know about Peter's life (the leader of the early church), did this encounter with Jesus leave him feeling shameful or empowered? What does say about God's grace? What does a life that is centered on the Resurrection look like in practice?