

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) At the start of this passage, the disciples are afraid and troubled. Is there anything that has been troubling you lately? Is there anything about Jesus that troubles you? Causes doubt?
- b) Tim talked about the "Real Jesus." What are some ways that we can try to create a version of Jesus that is not real – a theoretical Jesus?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) In this passage three incredible gifts from God are highlighted: Jesus himself, the Scriptures, and the Holy Spirit ("power from on high"). How does this passage show that all three work together in our salvation and our calling?
- b) v.49. When we trust in Jesus we get God! We get the Holy Spirit living in us. How does this truth impact you on a daily basis? What is the Spirit's role in our lives according to 1 Cor. 2:12-16?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) Jesus takes the time to show his disciples that he is real (touch me, eating fish). How has Jesus shown you that he is real? Go back as far as you need to find your answer.
- b) Why can only a real Jesus, a resurrected and embodied Jesus, give us peace, purpose, and power? Or, why would we lack these three things if the resurrection were not true?

APPLICATION

- a) Re-read verses 44-49 again. This is the Great Commission in Luke. According to Luke what is the message that we are called to share? What else can we learn about sharing this message from this passage?
- b) Jesus revealed himself by showing his wounds. How might Jesus use your woundedness to reveal himself to others?

PRAYER

- Praise God for giving us the Scriptures, the Son, and the Spirit as our salvation.
- Confess ways that you have invented a theoretical Jesus instead of trusting the real Jesus.
- Thank Jesus for revealing himself to you, for being real to you.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand Jesus, especially as you understand the word of God.