***Discussion Questions for Sunday, April 12th, 2020***

**What and when did the power of the resurrection make sense to you and how did/does that still impact you today?**

**What (if anything) and how did this Easter 2020, impact you for good or in a negative way?**

**Each Gospel account of the death, burial and resurrection is a bit different, yet connected. What are some of the differences recorded by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John?**

**Whose account of Jesus after the resurrection is the longest, and why might that be? (John, mostly because he, like Matthew were members of the 12, but John included more of the interaction the followers had with Jesus after the resurrection in his account of Jesus’ life.)**

**Read Luke 24:9-12 What stands out in verses 9-11? (they didn’t believe the women…it just didn’t make any sense)**

**How about verse 12? (Though Peter (and John) went to check it out themselves, Peter still didn’t get it until later in the text when Jesus appeared to them all.)**

**Read Luke 24:13-32 where Jesus walks with a couple followers on the road to Emmaus without revealing himself until later in the text.**

**How were they “kept” from recognizing Jesus in verse 16? (We don’t know for sure, if it was supernatural, or just a lack of understanding or awareness that the risen Lord might be walking beside them.)**

**What do we learn from verse 21? (They were still disappointed and not aware of what Jesus had really done!)**

**Consider verses 30-32 and what stands out to you? (It was the familiar action of Jesus…that helped them to realize whose presence they are in! May we look for the familiar promises all around us.)**

**When Jesus appears to the group, how and why does verse 38 challenge and convict us? (When troubles and doubts arise…recognize they don’t come from God, but are remnants of our sinful nature and refocus on the Who, What, Why of our Faith!”)**

**In verses 45, how did He open their minds so they could understand? (might…big on might, be supernatural, but more likely is he explained it so that they could see how God’s plan unfolded)**

**Read verses 50-53. How do we know God’s plans for His followers includes more than staying continually at the temple? (in the close of Luke and in the final words of Matthew Jesus sends his followers to share the good news. Plus, all throughout the book of Acts we see the church established and sent to the ends of the earth! And it’s still happening today!)**

**Read Luke 24:5-7 What were the three different resurrections that Andy shared in his message last Sunday? (Jesus, the followers who where there, believers today)**