Jesus' Final Blessing
Luke 24:1-12; 32-53

Getting Started

- Jesus blesses the Disciples before His Ascension. In what ways do you feel you have been blessed?

Key Ideas for Discussion

1. Death is not the end. (v.1-8)
2. Confusion about Jesus is a normal step in your spiritual journey. (v.9-12; 32-43)
3. God does what He says He will do. (6b-7; 44-47)
4. Takeaway Truth: Jesus' resurrection provides meaning for this life and hope for the next. (v.32-33a; 48-53)

Exploring the Text (Read the sermon text and answer the following)

- Why did the women go to the tomb? What does this tell you about them and their mental/spiritual state?
- What did the angels tell the women and why is it significant?
- Why did the Apostles not believe the women?
- Why did Peter respond to the empty tomb?
- Why were the women confused and the disciples in disbelief even though Jesus had told them he would rise from the dead?
- How did Jesus convince the Disciples he wasn't a ghost?
- When did the Disciples finally understand the Scriptures?
- What was the response of the Disciples to Jesus' Ascension?

Digging Deeper

- Why is Jesus' resurrection central to the Christian faith?
- What would be different if Jesus had not risen from the dead?
- What does this passage teach us about God's role in our understanding the gospel?
- What causes us to disbelieve the Scriptures?
- What does this passage teach about our mission?
- In what way are we all like the criminals on the cross?
- How did Jesus open the path between us and God?
- What does it mean to approach God? How is it possible that we can do so?

Apply It

- What stood out the most to you in the message?
- How can you reaffirm your faith in God's promises this week?
- What could you do this week to be more sensitive to the Lord's leading in your life?

Think About It

Christianity is in its very essence a resurrection religion. The concept of resurrection lies at its heart. If you remove it, Christianity is destroyed. (John Stott)