ULC Sermon Study Resource The Gospel of Luke // Jesus Wins Pastor Marcus Lane August 29th, 2021

Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.
Icebreaker: Are you an early bird or a night owl?

Reading: Luke 24:36-53

Outline:

- I. Jesus' Victory is Good News (v. 36-43)
 - a. When Jesus came to the disciples, they were terrified, but He pointed them back to Himself.
 - b. Through Jesus' resurrection, we are all restored, forgiven, and made right with God. *Q: What did the disciples think Jesus was?*
- II. About a Good King (v. 44-49)
 - a. Jesus fulfilled what was written in the Scriptures, and He called the disciples to share this with all nations.
 - b. Jesus is a better king than the countless other "kings" that will only demand things from us.

Q: What are the disciples told to preach about to all nations?

- III. Who Brings a Good Blessing (v. 50-53)
 - a. Jesus raised his nail-pierced hands and blessed the disciples before ascending to heaven.
 - b. The risen Jesus reigns over everything, including every aspect of our lives.
 - Q: How did the disciples respond to Jesus' ascension?

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) How does Jesus' response to the disciples' mistakes impact your understanding of how He responds to your own mistakes?
- 2) How has the knowledge that you have already been made right with God changed your life?
- 3) Have you experienced Jesus as the best king in your life? How does he offer more than any other type of king?
- 4) We know that Jesus is with us always. How has Jesus been present with you in the highs and lows of your life?

Suggestions for further study:

- Romans 4:24-25 Q: What do we receive through Jesus' death and resurrection?
- Matthew 28:16-20 Q: How do these verses relate to what we studied today?
- Nahum 1:7 Q: Where is God when we face difficult circumstances?

Closing Prayer: Gracious God, through your Son Jesus you have invited us to come and take part in what he has won - righteousness in your sight. You invite us to take part in forgiveness, peace, and eternal life spent with you in your perfect kingdom. God, we ask that as we hear your message again, you would pour out your Spirit on us to strengthen our faith. Send us to live as your people, witnessing to others that our king has come, He has risen, and that His victory is for the world. We pray this all in the name of Jesus, Amen.