

Bible Study Handout

The Road Ends in Power

It's not over, until God says its over

Icebreaker

What is your favorite Easter memory growing up, and what made it special?

Context Reading

Luke 24:1–12 (NIV)

Biblical Context

This passage takes place early on the first day of the week, following the crucifixion of Jesus. The women come to the tomb expecting to complete burial customs, but instead they encounter an empty tomb.

What they thought was the end was actually the beginning.

This moment reminds us that God is often working even when we cannot see it, and what looks finished to us may not be finished to Him.

Understanding the Theme

God's power is often revealed when situations look final.
What appears to be over is not over when God is involved.

Discussion

Why do you think the women went to the tomb expecting to find Jesus' body instead of expecting a resurrection?

How do our expectations shape the way we see what God is doing in our lives?

Have you ever experienced a situation where God was working, but you did not realize it at the time?

Example: You might think about a time when a door closed that you really wanted, but later you realized it protected you or led you to something better. or Perhaps it was a relationship that didn't work out, but in hindsight you can see how God was guiding you away from something that wasn't right.

What are some ways God might be moving that don't always look obvious at first?

Example: The right person, in your life at the right time. A door that closed, to protect you.

Point 1: Trust God Is Already Working

Scripture

Luke 24:2

"They found the stone rolled away from the tomb."

Cross Reference

Isaiah 65:24 (NIV)

"Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear."

Teaching Connection

God is already moving before we even realize there is a need.
What we are worried about, God has already addressed ahead of time.

Text Questions

The women were worried about who would move the stone, but it was already rolled away.
What does this teach us about how God works ahead of us?

What are some reasons we struggle to trust that God is already working behind the scenes?

Reflection Questions

What are some practical ways we can stay grounded in trust, even when we don't see God moving?

How can trusting God's timing change your response to uncertainty?

Point 2: Shift Our Expectation

Scripture

Luke 24:5–6

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!”

Cross Reference

Isaiah 43:18–19 (NIV)

“Forget the former things... See, I am doing a new thing!”

Teaching Connection

God’s movement often does not match our expectations.

If we stay focused on what was, we can miss what God is doing now.

Text Questions

The angels challenge the women’s expectations. What were they expecting, and how was it different from what God had already done?

Why do you think it can be difficult to let go of old expectations, even when God is doing something new?

Example: You thought healing would come one way, maybe instantly, but God chose to heal you through a process instead of a moment. Or You had a relationship you thought would last, but it ended. It was hard to let go of what you expected, but over time you saw how God was doing something new in your life.

Reflection Questions

Why can it be hard for people to recognize when it’s time to move on from something?

How can changing your expectations help you recognize what God is doing right now?

As you've grown in Christ, how has God reshaped what you expect when you bring things to Him in prayer?

Point 3: Remember Jesus's Sacrifice

Scripture

Luke 24:6–7

“Remember how he told you...”

Cross Reference

John 14:26 (NIV)

“The Holy Spirit... will remind you of everything I have said to you.”

Teaching Connection

In moments of confusion, God brings clarity through remembrance.

What God has already spoken becomes strength for what we are facing.

Text Questions

The angels tell the women to remember what Jesus said. Why is remembering God's Word important in moments of confusion or doubt?

What did Jesus previously say about His death and resurrection, and why do you think it was hard for them to remember in that moment?

Reflection Questions

How does remembering Jesus's sacrifice strengthen your faith during difficult seasons?

What are some practical ways you can remind yourself of God's promises daily?

Final Thought Questions

The women went to the tomb expecting death, but encountered life.

How does this challenge the way you approach situations that seem final?

What does this passage teach us about how to respond when a situation looks finished?
