



Sermon Discussion Questions
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Series: Under the Circumstances
Week 2: It's All Weird

1. ICE BREAKER: Each week of this series, we'll show a video in service of people answering a question about something 'weird.' This week, we asked, "What is something weird that you find joy in?"
Share something weird that gives you joy.
2. Read our Scripture for this week, Luke 24:36-49:

³⁶While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

What does this verse mean to you? Why do you think it is important to our understanding of our faith?

3. Imagine being one of the disciples in that room when Jesus appeared after they'd witnessed his death. Talk about what that experience may have been like.
4. Pastor Trevor stated that 1) the Holy Spirit is a person, 2) the Holy Spirit is a part of the Trinity, AND 3) the Holy Spirit is the personal presence of God with us. Which of these is the hardest for you to grasp? Why? Which is the easiest to grasp?
5. Tyler Staten explains the Holy Spirit this way: "The Holy Spirit is the experiential agent of the Trinity."
Discuss what this statement means for you.
6. Reread Luke 24:49: *I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.*"

There are many implications to this idea of being "clothed with power." What evidence have you witnessed of a person who is "clothed with power from on high"?

7. One way the power of the Holy Spirit works in our lives is the POWER to know the love of Jesus.
Share your personal experience of what Trevor called "The 18-inch Miracle" (the miracle of the love of Jesus moving from concept to experience, where it drops from your head into your heart)
8. Another way the Holy Spirit works is the POWER to become like Jesus.

Read 2 Peter 1:3 *"His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness."*

Are there areas of your life that you know you have become more like Jesus? Share.

9. A third way the Holy Spirit works is by the POWER to do what Jesus did.

Read Acts 1:8 *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

Have you ever had an occasion when you did something that you KNEW was beyond your own power, that the Holy Spirit had participated in accomplishing through you? If so, share your experience.

10. PRACTICE: Today's practice is to ASK for the Holy Spirit to give you MORE! Find your group's favorite meditative music, and have someone read aloud Luke 11:13 *"If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"*

Individually spend time asking for the Holy Spirit to give you more _____(whatever you feel called to ask).

When everyone has had time privately, share with each other what you've asked from the Holy Spirit, and keep a record, so that you can notice ways you are seeing the Holy Spirit move in each other's lives. Be encouraged by what your group members notice!