



LEADER'S NOTES

The Power of Prophecy

Psalm 22:1-18; Romans 18:11

This week, we continued studying the resurrection of Jesus.

QUESTION 1 gives your group time to discuss how Luke approaches the resurrection. As you discuss this first question, you might point out that the angels remind the women of Jesus' prophecy that He will die and return to life.

QUESTION 2 deals directly with prophecies from the Old Testament that predict Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. In this section, your group will read Psalm 22:1-18. I would suggest you have the group read this out loud. One or two group members could do this, or you could have each group member read aloud one verse around the circle until you read the entire passage. There are as many as eight references to Jesus in Psalm 22. Some of them are obvious, and some are a bit more obscure. I also included some verses from Isaiah 53 in this question. Feel free to take your group to Isaiah 53 for even more prophecies of Jesus. The main point of this question is that there are an overwhelming number of prophecies written hundreds of years before the life of Jesus that predict, in vivid detail, what would eventually happen to Jesus. This is evidence of the resurrection.

QUESTION 3 deals with hope. 1 Peter 13 explains that one effect of the resurrection is that the followers of Jesus can and should have living hope. One significant question is whether we are living with the hope provided by the resurrection or allowing life circumstances and the enemy to steal the hope that God intends for us. This question also allows for some storytelling.

QUESTION 4 concerns Romans 8:11. This powerful verse teaches that Jesus' resurrection power will directly affect our daily lives and what happens after we die. You might challenge your group members to memorize this verse.