

One Sure Thing – Luke 24:36-47

Message Discussion Guide

Connect

- What is your best Easter memory?

Discover

- Which statement or experience stood out to you from the worship service?
- Read Luke 24:36-43.
 - What do you think was the mood of the disciples and other followers of Christ after they had watched him die and then heard these strange reports that he had come back to life days later?
 - Jesus said (vs. 38) that the disciples were troubled and doubting. What was the cause of each of these emotions?
 - Why did Jesus show his scars? Why did Jesus ask for and eat a piece of fish?
- Read Luke 24:44-47.
 - Why did the disciples not understand and anticipate the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus since Jesus (and the Old Testament) had clearly taught this fact?
 - Why did the Messiah have to suffer (vs. 46)? Why could this death not have been quicker and much less painful?
 - Where will the news of forgiveness be proclaimed? How has this impacted your life?
- Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-22.
 - What does it mean that death came through one man? What is Adam's role? How does that affect us?
 - How is Christ the firstfruits?
- Read 1 Corinthians 15:54-56.
 - What is the sting that causes death?
 - What does the passage mean when it says the power of sin is the law?

Respond

- What does the Bible mean when it says that death is defeated? What does that mean for us?
- How does the resurrection prove that God keeps his word?
- How does the resurrection give us new hope?

Bonus for Thinkers

- What went on between when Jesus was laid in the tomb and the Sunday morning resurrection? Was Jesus doing something?

First Baptist Nacogdoches Bible Reading Plan

Day	Scripture
Monday (4/13)	Luke 24:36-48
Tuesday (4/14)	Ephesians 3:1-21
Wednesday (4/15)	Ephesians 4:1-32
Thursday (4/16)	Ephesians 5:1-33
Friday (4/17)	Ephesians 6:1-24

Daily Devotion Questions

Monday (4/13) — Luke 24:36-48

- Review the “Respond” questions from yesterday’s message discussion guide.

Tuesday (4/14) — Ephesians 3:1-21

- In 3:14, Paul bows before the Father in prayer. In 3:16-19 he prays for five things for the Christians in the church. Write these five things down and pray for these things for three people you know.
- What could Paul mean when he says the love of Christ surpasses all knowledge (3:19)?
- 3:20-21 is one of the most encouraging passages in the New Testament. Rewrite these two verses in your own words. What does this passage encourage you to do or to do more?
- Read Ephesians 3:10. What does it mean that it is through the church that the wisdom of God would be made known to rulers and authorities?

Wednesday (4/15) — Ephesians 4:1-32

- Why do you think Paul mentioned that he was in prison for the Lord as he gave the commands in 4:1-3?
- What two instructions does Paul give about dealing with anger (4:26-27)? How did you deal with anger most recently?
- Re-read 4:31-32. Write down the names of three people with whom you should and can have a different attitude this week.
- Read Ephesians 4:17-24. What are some of the distinctions between the way believers live and lost people live?

Thursday (4/16) — Ephesians 5:1-33

- Paul stressed the importance of fleeing far from sexual immorality in 5:3, insisting there must not be even a hint of it among believers. In what ways has sexual immorality or the hint of it worked into your life? What changes do you need to make to be faithful to God’s standard?
- We are instructed to make the best possible use of our time (5:15-16). Take a minute and evaluate how wisely you used your time yesterday. What commitments or changes should you make today to better redeem the time?
- When Paul says that husbands should love their wives like Christ loved the church (5:25-26), what is he talking about specifically?
- Read Ephesians 5:22-33. What are the distinctions between how a man should treat his wife and how a woman should treat her husband?

Friday (4/17) — Ephesians 6:1-24

- In 6:5-7 we see instructions for how we should work for our employers or our teachers. Sum up in your own words how a Christian’s work should be characterized.
- What are three schemes (6:11) you believe the Devil has been actively using to sidetrack you in recent days? Ask God to help you overcome each of these.
- Why do you think the word of God is called the sword of the Spirit (6:17)?
- Read Ephesians 6:13-17. Discuss with your family what each part of the armor refers to in the life of a believer.