



Sermon Questions

March 15th, 2026 | Scripture: Luke 24:1-12 – Witnessing with Hope

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. *Write down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.*

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- 2.
- 3.

Core Questions

1. Luke 24:1-12 may be a familiar passage about the resurrection. That said, what sticks out to you in this passage this time around?
2. What risks might the women in verse 1 be taking by publicly associating with Jesus? How does that compare to the vulnerability and risk we sometimes feel in evangelism?
3. What does the eagerness and curiosity of the women teach us about pursuing Christ ourselves? How can that posture shape the way we engage people who have questions about faith?
4. The resurrection filled the women with boldness to proclaim what they had seen. What does “humble boldness” look like when sharing your faith with a friend who disagrees with Christianity, a family member who avoids spiritual conversations, or a coworker who is curious but skeptical?
5. What is the most wondrous aspect of the resurrection for you? How might sharing that sense of wonder make your witness more authentic and compelling?

Inward Grace in Action

1. What about evangelism makes you feel the most vulnerable – the most fearful and weak? What do you need the Lord to do in your life for you to trust him in that area?

Outward Grace in Action

1. Who is one person the Lord may be calling you to begin witnessing to, or to approach differently this week?

For Families: Ideas of how to keep the conversation going at home, in the car, or around the dinner table:

1. **A - Ask about the message:** Ask your children what it means to be an eyewitness of a sporting event, a concert, or an accident on the playground. Ask them what they usually do after they see something exciting or surprising. Do they tell someone else about it? Why?
2. **S – Share your thoughts:** Explain that in our passage some of Jesus’s followers were the first witnesses that something amazing had happened—they saw the empty tomb and heard the angels say that Jesus had risen. Explain that even though we were not there to see the empty tomb ourselves, we still see the ways Jesus is at work in our lives.
3. **K – Keep it going:** Name two or three things that Jesus has done in your lives that you are thankful for. Then, ask your children who are some people you could tell about those things (friends, grandparents, neighbors, classmates)? Pray that the Lord would give you the courage and opportunity to tell someone about how Jesus has worked in your life this week.

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these passages that trace the theme of hopeful witness throughout the scriptures:

- Genesis 12:1-3
- Psalm 96:1-3
- Isaiah 43:10-12
- Matthew 18:18-20
- Acts 1:8
- Revelation 7:9-10

Scripture Memory Challenge:

*During this sermon series, our challenge to you and your CG is to memorize **Philippians 2:5-11**. This is the heart of the entire letter that will equip us to live with resilient joy.*

Serve: Invite an unbelieving friend to the upcoming *Night of Beauty: The Story of Jesus*. Together we will hear stories of Jesus’ life, listen to live music, and enjoy delicious food. Whether it is a colleague at work, a family member, or friend, this will be a natural opportunity to take conversations about Christ further.

RSVP at: mcleanpres.org/nightofbeauty.

Look Ahead: Next week we will continue in sermon series “Resilient Joy” through the book of Philippians. The scripture passage will be Philippians 4:4-9 where we will see how joy is cultivated in our lives.