

# Grow in confidence – with Luke’s Gospel

*MATERIAL for Life Groups and for Discipleship Triplets*

## 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting **THEME: Real open mindedness**

**Prepare** Pray for your meeting and read Luke 24:36-47

**20.00 – 20.05 Icebreaker to begin with:** Someone says: you are narrow minded if you rely on what is written in a book, rather than on your own insight. How do you respond?

**20.05 – 20.10 Pray** Ask God for His Holy Spirit to speak to you through His Word today.

**20.10 – 20.35 Bible passage** Read Luke 24:44-47 twice

While the disciples were troubled by what they saw – the risen Lord – they are reminded by Jesus of his words previously spoken; how he had always told them what would happen and that that would be the fulfilment of (the Old Testament) Scriptures.

### **Look again at verse 44            The problem of ignoring the Scriptures**

- Can you give an example (by preference from Luke’s Gospel) of how Jesus taught them these things earlier?
- Jesus had told them these things before, but they had not paid attention to it. Do you have a clue why they had completely ignored these words?
- Read II Timothy 3:16. What do you learn?

### **Look again at verse 45            The gift of understanding the Scriptures**

- Someone knows a great lot about the Scriptures. However, this does not mean that this person’s mind is opened to understand the Scriptures as Jesus opened their minds. For instance, Paul, before his conversion, knew a lot about the Scriptures, without really understanding. What then is the difference?
- How can we receive this gift?

### **Look again at verses 46-47        The joyful vision contained in the Scriptures**

- Some think that the whole Bible is about the question how we can live a good and moral life. What do you miss if you think like that?
- What do you learn from these verses?

## **20.35 – 20.50 Digging deeper: Real open mindedness**

Luke’s Gospel has dealt a lot with the problem of uncertainty, feelings of unbelief and doubt (see also ch. 1). Looking back at today’s Bible study and at the past time, is there something you have learnt and don’t want to lose in the future?

Take some minutes of silence and then share.

**20.50 – 21.00 End** Pray with each other. Thank God for what He has given you through the Bible studies.