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Invitation to Peace

Luke 24:36-49

1. The message is peace.

2. The messenger is persistent.

3. The means is repentance.

4. The point is personal

Discussion Questions:

1. Think of the opposite of peace—of there being antagonism between you and others.
    a. How would you describe what antagonism looks like with God? With other humans?
    b. What would it look and feel like then, to have peace with God and others?
2. When have you experienced Jesus challenging your doubts so that he can bring you to faith?
    a. Is that something that's more present for you or more in the past?
    b. Are there specific things that caused you to trust your doubts less?
3. In order to have God's peace, you have to want the peace-maker. That's what repentance is all about—about turning from everything that disrupts peace between you and God because you want him more than you want anything else.
    a. For many of us, there are significant moments of making that decision to turn while it's also a regular daily activity, so that "all of life is repentance."
    b. What's your sense of how important repentance is, to you living at peace with God?
4. If you have wanted peace with God, then both of the following are true: "God loves people" and "God loves you."
    a. Are those truths equally weighted in your mind?
    b. Or do you hear and feel one more strongly than you do the other?