**100 Days with Jesus**

**Study No. 20 Luke 24:44-49**

**Introduction**

The concept of power, once so appealing, has got difficult connotations today. The ‘Black Lives Matter’ movement points to power being used to supress and exploit black people. The environmental movement reminds us continually of how technological and economic powers are coming to destroy our world. We have a recent history of demagogues and dictators rising to power and then manipulating their power for evil doing – think of Putin invading Ukraine for a recent and well-known example. There are plenty of other powerful and evil leaders in the world.

However, power can be used for loving and good purposes. Love, truth, beauty and peace can be empowered. And it is this sort of power that Jesus talks to his followers about.

**Questions**

Read Luke 24:44-49

1. Have you ever been aware of the power of God at work in your life?
2. Jesus tends to use two words in our Christian walk with him. The first is ‘COME’: Come follow me. But then after a while he says ‘GO’: Go serve for me. In this passage Jesus is telling his followers they are just about to go. How do you think they felt?
3. Go around the group and share stories about COMING to Jesus. Then go around the group again telling stories of GOING for Jesus.
4. Do you think it is significant that this commission is being given to a group not just to individuals?
5. Read Acts 1v8. In this verse it underlines what Jesus said in Luke 24v44-49. When it comes to receiving the Holy Spirit, it seems to be a three-step process.
1. Pause; 2. Receive; 3. Go.
	1. Some of us like to ‘Go’ but aren’t very good at first ‘pausing’ and ‘receiving’. Others are great at ‘pausing’ and ‘receiving’, but never get round to ‘going’. Which are you?
6. What difference did the Holy Spirit make in the lives of the first disciples?
7. What difference has the Holy Spirit made in your life?

**Key question to finish: Who is God and how do we respond?**

**Prayer**

*It would be good to play a quiet worshipful piece of music and encourage the group to pause and receive the Holy Spirt.*

Lord Jesus

Help me to stay and wait

To hear the wind

To be clothed

To be empowered

And help me to go out. Amen.