

WEEK 4
LESSON OUTLINE

Invited

BIG IDEA

We're invited to let Jesus make us new.

BIBLE

Luke 24:1–11; 2 Corinthians 5:17–18; 2 Corinthians 4:16–17

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Playing the right music can keep things feeling new and full of life, no matter what kind of party we're throwing. This week, we'll hear what happened when some of Jesus' followers showed up at his tomb after his crucifixion. They discovered Jesus was doing something brand new in the world, and **we're invited to let Jesus make us new.**

WHAT?

Music is mandatory. Music sets the tone for a party. When deep into a party, the right song can bring our energy to the next level. It's like party coffee. Whether it's a classic song or something newer, the energy can refresh us to keep dancing. Like coffee, music can only make us feel new for so long. Eventually, we'll tire, our feet will start to ache, and that sense of being refreshed and full of energy fades. If we want to feel new and refreshed in every part of our lives, we'll need more than music. Thankfully, there's someone we can turn to to help us out.

SO WHAT?

In Luke 24, we see the surprise of two women who wanted to honor and express love for Jesus, so they went to perform Jesus' final burial rituals. Imagine their surprise when they arrived at the tomb and noticed the massive stone in front had been moved. What was more surprising was Jesus' body was gone. They ended up being the first people to learn about Jesus' resurrection. After two men in bright clothes told them Jesus had risen, they told the other disciples that Jesus had risen from the grave!

In 2 Corinthians 5:17–18, Paul wrote to the Early Church about what the resurrection could mean for their lives. He tells about the way Jesus makes us all brand new. Jesus makes the entire world brand new. Jesus' death wasn't the end of hope for those who followed Jesus. It was just the beginning. His resurrection revealed God's invitation for each of us throughout time. Every Easter, the resurrection lets us see we're invited to let Jesus make us new.

NOW WHAT?

Here are some ways to let Jesus give you the hope you need this week.

- **LET JESUS MAKE YOU NEW:** Are there places in your heart, head, or character that Jesus hopes to restore? This week, ask Jesus to start bringing renewal into the places you need light, hope, and joy the most.
- **LET JESUS MAKE YOUR WORLD NEW:** We can do all the right things to change our personal habits, but we're still affected by the brokenness around us. Invite Jesus into your homes, communities, and friendships to change and restore them. This Easter season, look for places where new life is needed. Talk to God about how you can be a part of someone's story.

Letting Jesus make us new does not happen overnight. It's a lifetime process, but you can start right now because every day, we're invited to let Jesus make us new.