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# TABLE TALK

#### to the ends of the earth

#### Prepare:

As one person lights a candle, the family reads together: (adapted from LSB 829)

- C: With thankfulness and praise
- R: we stand before your throne
- C: intent to serve you all our days
- R: and make your glory known

#### Read: Luke 24:36-49 (ESV)

36 As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" 37 But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. 38 And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." 40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate before them.

44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

#### Reflect:

Jesus revealed that his death and resurrection fulfilled the Old Testament prophesies. Like the disciples, we too have received the Spirit of God and live as his witnesses.

Take a moment to talk about what this passage (Luke 24:36-49) means for you as a family.

Now share with one another one thing you can do differently as a member of your family.

#### Pray:

The head of the household prays:

Heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for fulfilling your promises in Jesus. As your children, let us be witnesses to your love and mercy in the world. In Jesus's name, amen.