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Luke 24:13-35

Things to Know

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Studying God's Word *In Community*

*Reminder. Seek to understand and apply God's word, **not** rehash the sermon.*

Read

Read Luke 24:13-35 and make observations about the text.

- What is God teaching us in the passage?
 - What does this reveal about who God is, what God has done, and how I should respond?
 - Which part of the text was most meaningful to you and why?
 - What do you need help understanding about this passage?
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Sermon Recap

- Christians do not read the Bible as if it were just another book about just another topic! We read the Bible as God's revelation about His Son, Jesus Christ.
 - The disciples on the road to Emmaus are in the midst of crippling despair, but it's in moments of hopelessness that Jesus works best.
 - In Luke 24, Jesus teaches us how to read the Bible. We are to read every word in order to see how it points us to Jesus Christ.
 - If the entire Bible is about Jesus, then we know that the Son of God being killed on the cross and rising again on the third day was God's plan all along!
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Discussion Questions

1. "What things?" (Luke 24:19)

When Jesus asks the disciples about their conversation, He invites them to express their doubts and struggles. How does Jesus' question encourage authenticity in our own relationship with Him and others? How can we create a space in this group for honest dialogue about our faith and struggles?

2. "But we had hoped..." (Luke 24:21)

The disciples express disappointment and shattered expectations about who they thought Jesus would be. What are some ways we experience unmet expectations in our walk with God? How can we learn to trust God's plan even when it looks different from our own?

3. "Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" (Luke 24:26)

Jesus reframes their understanding of His suffering by pointing them to Scripture. How does this passage challenge us to view suffering in light of God's greater redemptive plan? How can we rely on God's Word for clarity when we face confusion or hardship?

4. "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road?" (Luke 24:32)

The disciples reflect on how their hearts were stirred as Jesus explained the Scriptures. When

have you experienced a similar moment where God's Word brought clarity, conviction, or comfort? How can we cultivate a deeper hunger for the Scriptures in our daily lives?

5. "Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread." (Luke 24:35)

The disciples share how Jesus revealed Himself through the Word and a shared meal. How does this encourage us to see Jesus in both the study of Scripture and in fellowship with others? How can we be intentional about sharing how God is working in our lives to encourage others?

Scripture

Luke 4: 13-35

13 That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, **14** and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. **15** While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. **16** But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. **17** And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. **18** Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" **19** And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, **20** and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. **21** But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. **22** Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, **23** and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. **24** Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." **25** And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! **26** Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" **27** And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

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28 So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, **29** but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. **30** When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. **31** And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. **32** They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" **33** And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, **34** saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" **35** Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

[*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Lk 24:13–35.

Living on Mission In Community

Before you close the group, answer this question:

How is God leading me to respond to His Word this week?

This year, we are focusing on deepening our relationship with the Word of God. What has your relationship with the Bible been like in the past? What steps are you going to take to improve your relationship with the Bible this year?

Optional Breakout Questions

Consider making time at the end of the group to break out into groups of 2-4 (keep them gender specific). Have them answer these three questions about their weeks:

1. How did you feed yourself?
 - *(What have you been doing to feed your spiritual life, and how is it going?)*
2. How did you feed others?
 - *(How did you share the gospel or gospel truth with someone this week?)*
3. How did you feed your flesh?
 - *(What sins did you struggle with this week? How can your friends hold you accountable?)*

Leader Resources

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