



Group Leader Guide-Apr 27 2025

Sermon Recap

Luke 24:13-35; Deuteronomy 18:22; Philippians 2:12; Zechariah 6:9-13; Isaiah 53: 4-5, 10

In his sermon, Pastor Jon reflects on the confusion experienced by two disciples following the crucifixion of Jesus. He recounts their encounter with the resurrected Jesus on the road to Emmaus, emphasizing how they initially failed to recognize him despite their deep sorrow and confusion. As Jesus explains the Scriptures, their hearts begin to burn with understanding, culminating in a transformative moment during the breaking of bread when their eyes are opened to his true identity. Pastor Jon encourages believers to trust in God's plan and the transformative power of His Word, even when it seems too good to be true.

Discussion Questions

Why do you think the disciples felt so confused and downcast after Jesus' death, even after hearing reports of his resurrection?

- The sermon discusses the emotional roller coaster experienced by the disciples after seeing Jesus die on the cross and then hearing news of the empty tomb, which left them grappling with their faith.
- Have you ever felt confused about something important in your life? How did you deal with those feelings?

In Luke 24:27, it says that Jesus explained everything about himself in the scriptures. Why is it important for believers to know how scripture points to Jesus?

- Pastor Jon emphasizes that Jesus walked the disciples through the scriptures to show them how everything was connected to his life and mission.
- How can knowing the connection between the Old Testament and Jesus help strengthen your own faith?

What does it mean to you personally when it is said that Jesus meets us in our confusion and doubts?

- The sermon highlights that Jesus joined the disciples on their walk to help them understand their feelings and the events around them, showing they were not alone.
- Can you think of a time when you needed guidance or understanding in your life? How might you invite Jesus into those moments?

Think about the statement, 'the empty tomb sounds too good to be true.' Why do you think people struggle to believe in the resurrection of Jesus?

- Pastor Jon mentioned that this amazing news can raise red flags for people, as it seems almost unbelievable.
- What challenges do you face when trying to explain your faith or the concept of miracles to others?

What do you think it means to 'work out your salvation with fear and trembling' as mentioned in Philippians 2:12, and how does that relate to the disciples' journey in the sermon?

- The sermon points out how the disciples wrestled with their faith and doubt, similar to what Paul encourages in working out one's salvation.
- How can you actively work on your faith and understanding of God in your daily life?

Prayer

- Ask for any prayer requests within the group.
- Pray for God to help us understand and apply the lessons from the sermon in our daily lives.
- Ask God to strengthen our faith, especially when faced with confusion and doubt.
- Pray for the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus with others this week.

Rewatch the Sermon

<https://www.youtube.com/live/XVqQIQLOT8I>