

Sermon: From shattered hope to burning hearts.
Series: Luke: The Gospel for Everyone.

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35
Date: April 12, 2026

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) When have you felt hopeless in your life?

b) The two disciples let their hearts follow after false hopes. Which of these can you relate to in your own experience: 1) hoping only in what you can see, 2) hoping in an expectation you've placed on God, 3) hoping in God/Jesus solving your problems rather than changing your heart.

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Read verse 27 again. Jesus showed how all of scripture is about him and obviously God. What are some ways people make the Bible about themselves rather than making it about Jesus as God's plan of salvation?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) The two disciples wanted a "mighty prophet" (v.19) and a "Redeemer of Israel." They wanted a new Moses to rescue them from Rome. What are some false versions of Jesus that you tend to look for instead of the one who "had to suffer before entering into glory" (v.26)?

b) Jesus is asking us to live out this new pattern: suffer, die, then glory. Apply this pattern to a current struggle in your life. What is your suffering teaching you about yourself? What part of you needs to be put to death? What glory will come from following this pattern?

APPLICATION

a) Are there any areas in your life where you are teaching the scriptures? How can you make sure that you interpret the word of God in light of Christ and his work on the cross?

b) How do we have a "burning heart for Christ?" 1) Know that Christ is with you on the path of suffering. 2) Know Christ through the word of God. 3) Experience Christ in the Body of Christ, the church. Which of these resonates with you? In what ways can you take steps to put these into practice?

PRAYER

- Praise God for his divine plan to save us through Christ
- Confess ways that you have lived like you know your own life better than Jesus does.
- Thank Jesus for walking with you through your doubts, fears, and suffering.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you interpret scripture in light of Jesus and to experience Jesus with the Body of Christ.