

Hope on Easter Sunday

Scripture: Luke 24:13-32

Discussion Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
2. Describe a time when you had unmet expectations. (For instance, the store you wanted to go to was closed, you didn't get everything you ordered on your take-out order, it rained on a day you had an outdoor activity planned, etc.)
3. Read Luke 24:13-32.
4. In this passage, what unmet expectations did the two followers of Jesus have?
5. Can you describe a time when you had unmet expectations with God?
6. Let's look at the message Jesus told them, and then the approach Jesus used with them.
 - By what means did Jesus address the two men's disappointment? That is, what content did Jesus use to engage with them? (Scripture, an explanation and application of that Scripture, a revelation of Himself)
 - In what manner did Jesus address the two men's disappointment? That is, how did He engage them? (He asked questions, He was very direct in telling them they were wrong, He spent time with them, and ate with them).
7. How has God engaged with you in your moments of disappointment?
8. What can you learn from this passage about how you can better engage with people who are experiencing disappointment with God?
9. Scripture does not tell us why Jesus' followers were not allowed to recognize Him at first, so we must admit that we simply don't know the why behind it (ponder that a moment!).
 - Have you ever felt like God has been hidden from you?
 - What was that like?
 - What did you do?
10. How does this whole story help or hurt your view of God?
11. What thoughts, attitudes, or behaviors might God be speaking to in your life today?
12. Read Luke 24:32, plus 33-35
 - What reaction did Jesus' followers have at the end of this encounter?
 - When God leads you to truth and Himself regarding a hard place in your life, how do/will you respond?

Take some time to praise God that He raised Jesus from the dead! We serve a risen Savior!!!