

# THE FINAL DOOR

## Luke 24:13-35

*“Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” - Luke 24:31-32*

**As your group time begins use one or more of the following questions to tip off the discussion:**

*Who’s your pick for the Final Four? Who will win it all?*

*Describe a time when your perception of a situation been totally contrary to the reality of what was going on.*

*How have you gotten in trouble for following your feelings instead of the facts? Explain.*

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The men on the road to Emmaus were baffled about what happened in Jerusalem with Jesus. They were sure He was the One to deliver them. But what they perceived and what they felt were contrary to the plan God had put in motion. But through their encounter with Jesus they learned some important lessons about being on Jesus’ team.

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The first lesson these men learned was to **REMEMBER THAT PERCEPTION IS NOT REALITY.**  
**Read Luke 24:13-16 as a team.**

What did the direction of these disciple’s travel indicate was their perception of the situation that unfolded in Jerusalem?

What was the reality of Jesus’ existence? What evidence had they ignored prior to their travels with him?

Read through Isaiah **43:16-21** together. What was God doing that the people had not yet perceived? Where might God be “doing a new thing” in your life that you haven’t yet realized is His handywork?

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The next lesson these men learned was to **REMEMBER THAT FEELING IS NOT FACT.** **Read Luke 24:17-21 as a team.**

These men felt discouraged because they didn’t feel the presence of Jesus with them any longer. Have you ever felt that way before? Has it caused you to believe He doesn’t care for you?

Even when we feel Jesus is nowhere near us, we can be confident He is present. God says he will “never leave you nor forsake you.” (Deut. 31:8) What are Jesus’ words in **Matthew 28:20**?

What feelings are you facing today that are causing you to lose hope? How can the truth of God’s Word restore your faith?

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Finally, these men learned to **REMEMBER THAT GOD’S WORD IS TRUE. Read Luke 24:22-27 as a team.**

Why was Jesus frustrated with the men? What did He do in v.27 to help their unbelief?

Have you ever had a hard time accepting any of God’s word as truth in your life personally? Give examples.

When the eyes of the men were opened they rejoiced in their faith. What does Paul say to the **Philippians in 4:4**? When should you rejoice in the Lord and His truth? How does that apply in your life today?

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### Pray:

As you close your time together pray for one another’s burdens. Walk along side each other as Jesus did with these men. Pray that any bitterness or anger you have toward God would be lifted. Release the idea that Jesus doesn’t care for you - He cared so much he died for you. Praise God and rejoice in your prayers to Him. Give thanksgiving for His faithfulness even when we cannot perceive Him working. Thank Him for doing a new thing this day!

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### Connect:

Listen to the song “Last Word” by Elevation Worship. As you meditate on the words know that God’s Word is true and never failing. He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow and his love will never end. Find peace knowing “it is finished” and let your hope be endless.