

*What Jesus says to do about
my foolish, slow heart*

- **Read the whole Bible with Jesus front and center in my mind**

“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.” Luke 24:27 ESV

SOME SCRIPTURES JESUS COULD HAVE SHOWN THEM...

Isaiah 53:1-6 The Messiah will be pierced for our transgressions

Isaiah 53:7-12 The Messiah will be buried in a rich man’s grave, yet will live

Psalms 22 Crucifixion told from Messiah’s viewpoint, including exact words said on cross, exact manner of death

Remember, these were all centuries old in the time of Christ, yet they foretold the events of His death and resurrection in detail

“As they sat down to eat, He took the bread and blessed it. Then He broke it and gave it to them. Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. And at that moment He disappeared.”

Luke 24:30-31 NLT

AT JESUS’ OPEN TABLE WE FIND HOPE THAT GIVES US...

Power

“And they rose that same hour...” Luke 24:33a ESV

Purpose

“...and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed...’”

Luke 24:33b-34a ESV

A RESURRECTED JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING!

Next Week...

Open To All Who Feel Unworthy



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Feel Unaware

“That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him.” Luke 24:13-16 ESV

“And He said to them, ‘What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?’” Luke 24:17a ESV

THEIR UNAWARENESS MADE THEM...

Dejected

“And they stood still, looking sad.” Luke 24:17b ESV

Discouraged

“But we had hoped...” Luke 24:21a ESV

Dependent

“...that He was the one to redeem Israel.” Luke 24:21b ESV

Defiant

“...and besides all this, it is now the third day...” Luke 24:21c ESV

Daft

“He said to them, ‘How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!’” Luke 24:25 NIV



This Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. Join one of our message-based Community Groups to do this study together. Visit the Groups table after service to find a group!

LESSON AIM: The aim of this lesson is to realize Jesus is always with us even though we may be unaware of His presence.

BELONG in God's family:

CHECK IN: (optional) Let's briefly share with each other how we've been doing this week.

OPENING PRAYER

ICEBREAKER: Have you ever had an "Aha" or "I get it" moment? Share a time you went from vague understanding to clarity. What helped you get there?

BECOME like Jesus:

1. Sunday's message was about Jesus surprising a group of discouraged disciples who were unaware of His presence. What insight, point or principle will help you understand Jesus is always with us, even though we're unaware of His presence?
2. Read Luke 24:13-34. What do you think caused these men to leave Jerusalem? When things don't turn out the way you think they should, do you want to be alone or with others? Describe how having faith in these times can help us see that God is up to something we simply are unaware of?
3. See John 21:1-7. In this similar situation, why do you think Peter and the other disciples went back to Peter's home territory of Galilee and fishing? What do you revert to when facing discouragement or a change in your plans? Describe how inviting Jesus into our situation can help guide us and comfort us.

4. Back to Luke 24:25-26, Jesus said, "you find it so hard to believe" yet they just described all the events of Jesus life, what were they missing? What should we do to avoid making the same mistake? Jesus quoted lots of scripture to help them understand, how can knowledge of the Bible guide us and help us believe?
5. See 2 Kings 6:13-17. How is it that Elisha was aware of God's presence and the spiritual world around him and his servant was not? Fast forward 1000 years to Hebrews 13:1-2; how is this possible? Does it still happen? We may not feed an angel but we can share a meal or coffee with someone who is unaware of how much Jesus really loves them; who do you sense that person might be in your life?

BLESS Others:

See John 21:9-15 and Luke 24:30-34. What is it about meals with Jesus that helped so many find direction and purpose? When you live in the awareness of Jesus' presence you want others to experience the same, how might this open table experience be part of your daily life?

BUILD God's kingdom:

What could you do in the future to prevent yourself from failing to recognize that Jesus is always with you even during times of discouragement when you can't see Him or feel Him? How can Bible study and fellowship help in this awareness? What will you do this week to come alongside someone who is on the "road to Emmaus" so to speak and offer insight and encouragement?

BELIEVE God and act in faith:

As we close let's turn to Daniel 9:21-23 and thank God for hearing our prayers and giving us insight and understanding to His love and presence.

PRAYER: What challenge are you facing this week? How can our group pray and support you?

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