

STUDY GUIDE

Seeing Jesus Study Series

Week of April 5: Luke 24:36-49

Note: The sermon this week will focus on Luke 24:13-35, but in the study we will look at the events that happen just after the Road to Emmaus story, 24:36-49. There are some similar themes in both these passages

Observation

1. Read Luke 24:36-49. What do you notice about this passage?

2. What questions do you have?

Observation: What does it say?

1. What do you notice about the text?
Things to look for:
 - repeating words and phrases
 - Answers to the questions: who, what, when, where and how?
 - contrasts and comparisons
 - similes and metaphors (images used in the text)
 - cause and effect relationships
 - details regarding: time, geography, place, people, action in the text
 - grammar
 - larger themes in the passage
 - key words and themes
2. What questions do you have?

Interpretation

1. Notice the different proofs that Jesus gives to show his disciples that he is actually there with them. Why do you think it is important that he gives them each of these proofs?

2. In both the Road to Emmaus passage (verses 13-35), as well as in verses 44-49, Jesus explains the Scriptures to his disciples. Do you think that anything would have happened differently if his disciples had fully understood what the Scriptures said about Jesus prior to his crucifixion?

3. Do you think that we need God's help to understand the Scriptures today? Why or why not?

Interpretation

The goal here is to answer questions raised by the text and to get at the central message of the passage itself.

What did the text mean for the original audience?

How might you summarize the central point of the passage?

Application

1. Both the events in verses 13-35 and 36-49 include food. The gospels are full of stories of people eating together. What role, if any, do you think hospitality plays in our witness today? How might you have seen or experienced this?
2. Practically, how might we allow space for new people around our tables, and in our lives? Is this an easy thing to do, why or why not?
3. What does it look like to extend hospitality in a season of pandemic? Is there anything you could do together as a Connection Group?

Suggestion for Prayer

Take time to pray for those in your life and neighbourhood who have not yet encountered Jesus. Pray for opportunities to share your story with them. Pray that their minds might be opened to understand.