

A CHANGING CHURCH

Luke 24:50–53 | November 8, 2026 | Pastor Savannah Tidwell

SERMON SUMMARY

Pastor Savannah ends the series where it has been heading all along, with one uncomfortable question: does the Holy Spirit actually have permission to change your life? Not whether you agree with Him on Sunday, but whether anything is different by Wednesday. For two months we have held the early church up against the church we know, and every week has asked something of us. Depend on the Spirit. Belong to each other like family. Pick up a cross instead of protecting our comfort. Rest. Open our hands. Make disciples. That is a great deal of conviction to absorb, and Pastor Savannah is honest that she has been dragging her feet through it. Looking for company, she opened Luke 24 expecting to find the disciples struggling too, because the ascension was the largest change they had faced. Jesus was leaving, and these were the same people who argued, doubted, and panicked every other time He rearranged their expectations. What Luke actually records stopped her: they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. The difference was not that they had learned to like change. It was that they were the ones who had stayed, and years of surrender had taught them Jesus was worth it. The rich young ruler is the other side of that. He wanted this life and walked away sad because he would not let go of what he was holding. Few of us are holding wealth. We are holding comfort, tradition, stability, control, the approval of people whose opinion we cannot shake. Pastor Savannah's invitation is to name that thing, confess it, and release it, so that when God moves, K1 is a church that can move with Him, and move with joy.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The sermon started with the question: "Does the Holy Spirit have permission to change your life?" What was your initial reaction when you heard that question?
2. The Rich Young Ruler wanted to follow Jesus, but he struggled to release something he held tightly. What are some things people can hold onto so tightly that they struggle to follow Jesus wherever He leads?
3. Is there something in your own life that you have felt the Holy Spirit convicting you to change?
4. As the disciples walked with Jesus, they were continually called to surrender things and change their expectations. Have you typically viewed following Jesus as a life that involves surrender? Why or why not?
5. **This week:** What might it look like for you to give the Holy Spirit permission to change something specific in your life this week?

Picking Up From Last Week:

Last Sunday Pastor Jenna asked each of us to name one person God has already placed in our life whom we could help take a next step in following Jesus, and to invite them into something ordinary. Start by sharing who you named and whether you actually reached out. That follow-through is exactly the kind of change today's message is asking about.