

Message Notes | New Beginnings

Part 1: Eyes Opened

Luke 24:13-27

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#1 We can have _____ even in the midst of _____ and _____.

→ life isn't always easy around in confusion

→ their faces were downcast - **vs. 13-17**

**#2 Jesus doesn't _____ us in our _____.
He _____ with us.**

→ God is close - **Psalm 34:18**

→ we had hoped - **vs. 18-21**

#3 _____ that God has a _____ for you.

→ Jesus pointed them to the truth - **vs. 21-27**

**#4 _____ means that there is _____ in every
_____.**

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1. Have you ever had an expectation for how you thought God should act in your life—and it didn't happen?

How did you respond and what did you learn through that experience?

2. **Read Luke 24:13-17.** Although they didn't recognize him, Jesus walked with these men who were sad and disappointed. Why were they disappointed?

3. **Read Psalm 34:18.** How does it change your perspective to know that God is close to the brokenhearted?

Can you think of a time when you felt God's closeness during a difficult season? Explain.

4. **Read Luke 24:18-24.** These men had experienced some difficult circumstances. Why do people so easily equate difficult earthly circumstances, or unfulfilled earthly hopes with God being unloving or uncaring?

What Biblical truth(s) can help us resolve that tension?

5. **Read Luke 24:25-27.** Jesus walked these men through the Old Testament and showed how it pointed to Jesus. How so?

Why can we have hope in every circumstance?

6. Think about someone you know who is going through pain or discouragement right now. What would it look like to "walk with them" like Jesus walked with the two disciples?

7. What is one area of your life where you need to replace disappointment with trust this week? What is one step you can take to move in that direction?

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#4 Easter means that there is hope in every circumstance.

Bible Reading for Today

Luke 24:13-27

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

¹⁹ "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.