

Luke 24:33–49

“Fearful to Faithful”

Praise (33–35)

“The Lord has risen indeed.”

Faith is rooted in shared testimony, not private spirituality.

Silence is not an option.

The church is a gathering of witnesses, not spectators.

Presence (36–37)

The Lord’s presence brought peace.

The disciples were in a locked room because of fear.

He spoke peace before correcting them.

Jesus meets us in our struggle, but to pull us out of it.

Peace is not found in our circumstances, but in His presence with us.

Proof (38–43)

Physical evidence: hands, feet, scars.

Faith is not blind, but rational.

Our hope is anchored in a real, risen Savior.

Plan (44–46)

“Must be fulfilled.”

God has willed it; therefore, it will be fulfilled—it has to be.

Everything points to this moment.

“He opened their eyes.”

We don’t just need information; we need illumination.

Purpose (47)

“Repentance for the forgiveness of sins.”

The gospel is both confronting and comforting.

All nations (Genesis 12:3; Isaiah 49:6; Malachi 1:11; Psalm 22:27),

beginning in Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:3; Psalm 110:1–2).

Personnel (48)

“You are my witnesses.”

Peter the denier.

Thomas the doubter.

James and John—zealous, yet fearful.

Matthew the tax collector.

Quite the personnel to pull off this task.

The ones hiding in fear will soon be witnesses of faith.

Power (49)

“The Helper will come, so wait.”

They were perfect candidates because not a single one could do it on their own power.

Can you imagine the difference in the atmosphere of that room now?

From fear to anticipation and expectation.

And the plan is still being fulfilled today.

We are part of that plan—preaching repentance for the forgiveness of sins to all nations.

Small Group Discussion:

How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the Scripture and sermon on Sunday? What stood out to you? What questions do you have?

When Jesus appears in a locked room, He brings peace before addressing their doubts. How have you experienced God meeting you in fear or uncertainty? What does it look like to find peace in His presence rather than in your circumstances?

How does knowing Christianity is rooted in real events strengthen your faith? What questions or doubts do you still wrestle with?

How do you think the apostles viewed their role in God's plan? How does confidence in the resurrected Christ, and awareness of our part in "what must be fulfilled," shape the way we live? What does it practically look like for us to be witnesses today?