

Luke 24:36-49

Hearing and Obeying the Word

Hearing:

- Before we dive in, what are some big themes that stand out to you as significant in this passage? Or from the sermon this past weekend?
- In v 39, Jesus sought to assuage the disciples' fear and disbelief by presenting his nail-pierced hands as evidence that he was alive, risen from the dead. With respect to the gospel, why does it matter that Jesus was physically risen from the dead (as opposed to just spiritually raised)? With respect to the disciples' faith, why does it matter? Even today, we experience Christ physically through his body, the church. How has the church affected your relationship with him?
- In v 44-47, Jesus shows the disciples from Scripture God's plan for the Messiah to suffer death on a cross and then be resurrected. As people who knew the Scriptures already, what do you think was different about Jesus' reading of Scripture? Why do you think they couldn't see these things before? How has Scripture impacted your faith in Christ?
- In v 49, Jesus commands the disciples to wait on the promised Holy Spirit whom he was to send to after his ascension. How is this encounter with God (Holy Spirit) different from the other two encounters? What is the purpose of this kind of encounter? What has your experience with the Holy Spirit been like?

Obeying (application):

- Even to this day, the risen Christ desires to meet with us personally, to assuage our fears and disbeliefs, and to empower us as witnesses for him in the world. This week, make a plan to meet with him in at least one of the three ways we have discussed tonight, and come ready to share your encounter next week. As a group, discuss practical ways you can do all three.

Announcements: Volunteers needed for VBS (July 22-25), including opportunities to serve the Saturday before (set up). Email sarah@apostleshouston.org to sign up.