

Week of January 1, 2023

Series: The Story, Chapter 1: Beginnings

Sermon: "A Road Trip with Jesus"

Text: Luke 24:13-35

Sermon Outline:

Biblical Truth: All Scripture is about Jesus.

Our prayer for you this year...

1. That your eyes are open to see Jesus.
2. That your mind is open to understand Jesus.
3. That your heart is open to believe in Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

1. It's a new year! It can be a new you! LOL. Are you a New Year's Resolution kind of person? If so, do you have any resolutions for 2023?
2. Have you ever read the Bible from beginning to end? If not, why not? If so, what was your experience? (*Note: Our devotional plan for 2023 is not reading the entire Bible, but it is intended to keep up with our 52-week series: The Story.*)
3. There are four different ways to digest God's Word: 1-Hearing, 2-Reading, 3-Studying, 4-Memorizing, 5-Meditating. Life change happens when #5 meets with any one of #s 1-4. Which is your favorite way to process Scripture?
4. Here are two good New Year's Resolution type quotes:
 - "If you aim at nothing, you will hit it every time!"
 - "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail!"

Do you have a devotional plan for 2023? If so, what is it? If you don't have one, have you considered the plan that lines up with our series: *The Story*? (Don't feel any pressure to use "this" plan. Although we DO want you to feel pressure to use "a" plan!)

5. Read Luke 24:13-35.
 - Specifically note verses 31-32, 44-45, 52-53.
 - Consider the sermon outline's 3 points (listed above).
 - Compare that with Question #3 above:
 - With your eyes you hear, read, study, and memorize.
 - With your mind you meditate on what you process with your eyes.
 - And w/ your heart you believe what you see w/ your eyes and consider with your mind.

Discuss how God uses this process and prayer in regards to daily (and yearly) life change.