SEEING JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING

Seeing Jesus in Our Shattered Hopes Changes Everything

Pastor E. Paul Allen – March 26, 2017

1. Read Luke 24:13-24 aloud and pray.
Father, as we walk on the road with Cleopas and his friend, help us to see how Jesus is there with us, even during our shattered hopes and dreams. In Jesus' name, Amen.

2. Pastor Paul identified some of the shattered hopes we face. Take a moment and identify some of the challenges people in your group have faced on their life journey.

3. Both last week and this week we were encouraged to remember God's story.
Read Luke 24:25-27 and Isaiah 53:3-8 and discuss why it's important for us to focus on God's story throughout our own stories.

4. Why is it important to remember God's goal for our lives when our hopes are shattered?
Read and discuss Romans 8:15-17 and Romans 8:28-29.

5. In his book, *Conformed to His Image*, Ken Boa shares several scriptures that give us a taste of what it means for us to be His sons and daughters. Walk through and celebrate how these are true even when we face shattered hopes!

• I am a child of God	John 1:12
• I am a friend of Jesus	John 15:15
• I am a fellow heir with Christ	Romans 8:17
• I am a new creation in Christ	2 Corinthians 5:17
• I am chosen, holy and blameless before God	Ephesians 1:4
• I am redeemed and forgiven	Ephesians 1:7
• I have been set free in Christ	Galatians 5:1
• I have been justified by Christ	Romans 3:24
• God loves me and has chosen me	1 Thessalonians 1:4

6. Why is it important to remember God has already given us victory, even when we face shattered hopes and dreams?
Read and discuss John 16:33 and Romans 5:3-5.

7. Here at TC we say, "Teamwork makes the dream work" and "Together Everyone Achieves More."
As you read Luke 24:28-35, discuss why it's important to do life together with other Christ followers, especially when we're facing shattered hopes and dreams.

8. Close in prayer, asking God to help you see Jesus more clearly when you face shattered hopes. Remember He's already gone before you, is there with you, and has given you family and friends to walk with you.