

SEEING JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING

Seeing Jesus Face-to-Face Changes Everything Pastor Derwin L. Gray – April 9, 2017

Open in prayer, and then read Luke 24:13-35.

• Throughout this series, we've read this passage of scripture. What have you learned and how has it impacted your life?

How Do We See Jesus Face-to-Face?

- When we see His mission, not ours. Read Luke 24:18-21.
 - o Cleophas and the other Jewish disciple, like most First Century Second Temple Jews, wanted a Messiah who would redeem or set Israel free from Roman occupation and oppression. They had their own agenda. Jesus had to align them and us to His redemptive agenda.
 - o Just as God set Israel free from slavery in Egypt through the Passover, they wanted the Messiah to set Israel free from Rome. However, Jesus came to redeem not only Israel but the whole world from the greater Rome: sin, death, and evil. Jesus is the Passover Lamb (read 1 Corinthians 5:7) who sets us free to journey to the new promise land, the New Heavens and New Earth. As we journey, we join Jesus in displaying His kingdom so others can be set free to worship Him and be witnesses on earth.
 - o Discuss how these statements impact our lives.
- When we see the cross and its epic victory.
 - o Read Luke 24:25-27. Discuss it in light of the sermon. Then, Read Isaiah 53:4-6.
- When we see Him in Communion.
 - o Read Luke 24:29-32. Then, Read Luke 22:19-22.
 - o Serve each other Communion.
- Close in prayer. Ask God to give us packed services for Good Friday (April 14 | 6 & 7:30pm) and our Easter Services (April 16 | 8, 9:15, 10, 11:45am). Ask the Lord to show you how to invite someone to the Good Friday and Easter Services!