



Week 4

Series: Glorify God. Proclaim Christ. Make Disciples.

Sermon Title: Proclaim Christ

Sermon Text: Luke 24:44-49

Group Week of: January 21, 2024

Sermon Date: January 28, 2024

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
Day 1	Road to Emmaus – Luke 24:13-35
Day 2	Law of Moses – Deuteronomy 30:1-10
Day 3	The Prophets – Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Day 4	The Psalms – Psalm 16
Day 5	Forgiveness Preached – Acts 2:14-40

The Text: Luke 24:44-49

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Observe everything.** Use pens and highlighters to mark the text. Come up with your own system of symbols, underlines, arrows, highlights, and notes, that will *help you understand and apply*. Only do what is helpful.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.

⁴⁴ He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Textual Questions

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson(s) that you see Jesus teaching to His disciples (us) through this text?
- 2) In verse 45, what does “opened their minds” mean?
- 3) Is the preaching of the gospel included in what must be fulfilled in verse 46?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) In 1 Peter 2:4-10 and Romans 12:1-2, we learned about our call to worship God corporately and individually. What was your biggest personal application of these truths?

- 2) Being given a “mission” is a powerful concept. For those with a military background, getting the mission done is the reason for everything—from training to great sacrifices in combat operations. But even in regular civilian life, there are often missions, tasks, or assignments where failure really isn’t an option. In such circumstances, everyone is willing to dig down deep, work hard, and get through it to succeed. Have you ever felt as a Christian and a member of the church that you have a “no fail” mission? If you have, what have you done to fulfill that mission? If you haven’t, what makes the mission of the church feel like something you don’t have to accomplish yourself?

- 3) Jesus says the Scriptures (at that time just the Old Testament) say repentance and the forgiveness of sins *must* be preached in His name throughout the earth. If Scripture tells you to do something, how binding is that upon your life? How are you presently engaged in preaching repentance for the forgiveness of sins in the name of Christ?

- 4) Jesus also makes it clear that the gospel must be preached throughout the entire world. What responsibility do we have, individually in Yakima, to get the gospel to the ends of the earth?

- 5) When faced with a mission that seems impossible, it is easy to give in to despair. We think, “I cannot do that,” so we don’t even try. Jesus provides two sources of strength for us in this text. He says that the scriptures *must* be fulfilled and that His disciples will be “clothed with power from on high.” How do these two things together overcome despair of failure?

- 6) While God often raises up cross-cultural missionaries to break new ground with the gospel, the most common way that the gospel is brought to the lost is through Christians who are praying for unbelievers, talking with them about their faith, and participating in global missions through prayer, finances, and short-term participation. Are you engaged in these things? If not, what can you do to take steps to grow in faithfully fulfilling your mission to proclaim Christ? If yes, share how you are engaged in this work with your life group and ask them to join you in prayer.