**Luke 24:13-35**

I. Introduction

A. This is a story about revelation (about Jesus opening the eyes of two disciples)

B. The theme of revelation and seeing is central in Scripture

1. We are called to fix our eyes on Jesus (see Hb 12:2-3 and 2 Cor 4:6)

2. There is a connection between seeing the glory of Jesus and being transformed so that we become more like the person we are seeing (see 2 Cor 3:18, 1 John 3:2-3, Hb 12:2-3)

II. The Passage

A. Their state at the beginning of the journey

1. Experiencing the painful loss of a person and a dream

2. V. 12: downcast

3. A ray of hope: the women’s testimony (but they don’t believe it, v. 9-11)

B. The irony of the encounter (v. 17-18)

They think Jesus is out of the loop, but they are the ones out of the loop

C. Their explanation of Jesus’ life (v. 19-24)

After all is said and done, they’ve concluded he was a prophet (but not the Messiah)

D. Jesus “opens” the Scripture to him (v. 25-27)

E. Jesus “opens” their eyes to himself through the breaking of bread (28-32)

F. They swap stories with the 11 (v. 33-35)

G. Notice the progressive revelation of Jesus throughout the story

= revealing himself through the Word and the breaking of bread

III. Seeing Jesus in his Word

Consider some of the passages Jesus may have explained to the disciples that point to him, especially to his suffering for our sake

A. Genesis 3:14-15: Christ, the offspring of Eve who conquers the serpent

B. Exodus 11-12: Christ, the unblemished lamb who is sacrificed for us

C. Numbers 21:4-9: Christ, the snake raised up so that we might see and live

D. Psalm 22: Christ, the great king who is outcast and forsaken so that we could be accepted and included

E. Isaiah 53: Christ, the servant who carries our sins so that we might have peace

IV. Seeing Jesus in the breaking of bread

A. Of all the images Christ could use to reveal himself, bread is maybe the most basic

B. Bread tells us something about ourselves: we are hungry beings

C. Bread tells us something about Jesus: he is the satisfaction of our hungers

D. Bread tells us something about His work: he had to be broken for us

E. Bread tells us something about faith: we don’t just give intellectual assent to the ideas of his death for us, but we feed on that truth, we take it in, and find satisfaction in it

**Discussion Questions**

1. Read together Hebrews 12:2-3 and 2 Corinthians 3:18. Consider again the connection between seeing Jesus and becoming like him mentioned in those passages. How have you found that connection taking place in your own life, if at all?

2. Consider the Old Testament passages mentioned on Sunday that point to Christ. Was there one passage that impacted you most? Is there another passage you would choose to add to that list that has been significant in your life?

3. Consider the fact that the disciples’ eyes were opened when Jesus broke the bread. Has communion (the breaking of bread) historically been a time when your eyes are opened to Jesus so that you see and appreciate him in deeper ways? What has your experience of communion been like? What has been meaningful for you, and what has been challenging for you?

4. Consider the question we were asked to write about on Sunday: Where have you seen Jesus lately? Where has he been revealing himself to you?