



AFTERMATH

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS WEEK 1

SERMON RECAP

Matt shares a powerful message about the importance of recognizing Jesus' presence amidst our disappointments. He emphasizes that the aftermath of the resurrection showcases Jesus' compassion and ministry to those who are hurting and broken. By using the story of two disciples on the road to Emmaus, Matt illustrates that Jesus actively seeks us in our pain and offers hope even when our expectations are unmet. Ultimately, he encourages us to embrace their struggles as opportunities for deeper intimacy with Christ, assuring everyone that Jesus is drawn to us in the midst of our troubles.

GET STARTED

- What has been a moment in your life where you felt disappointed, and how did you respond to that feeling?

TAKE IT IN

- What encouraged and/or challenged you from the message this week? Why?

TALK IT OVER

Read Luke 24:13-21

- This past weekend Matt shared about how Jesus walked alongside two of his disciples after his resurrection, but they didn't recognize him, despite their close relationship. This shows how sometimes we can overlook what is right in front of us. **Have you ever missed seeing something important in your life, whether it's a person or an opportunity? How can you improve your awareness of what God might be doing around you?**
- This weekend we talked about how sometimes we can place expectations on God BUT God never promised us He would see that expectation though. We only see what we want to see of God. **Why is this an unhealthy way of looking at our relationship with God? How can we better handle our own expectations? Can you think of a specific time when this happened and how did you handle it?**
- Matt pointed out that Jesus engaged the disciples in their disappointment and helped them see a bigger picture, highlighting the importance of turning to Jesus during tough times.

When you face disappointment, what practical steps can you take to bring those feelings to Jesus instead of trying to handle them on your own? How can prayer or community support play a role?

Read Psalm 34:18

- This single verse reminds us that God is close to the brokenhearted. This weekend Matt reminded us that sometimes we experience disappointment as a way to draw closer to Him! **How can pain and disappointment lead to deeper faith? Why or why not? How can we respond to our disappointment in a way that brings us closer to Jesus rather than pushing us away?**

LIVE IT OUT

We learned this week that Jesus actively seeks us out in our pain. If we are to become more like Jesus then we should model what he does. If he is actively seeking others out in their pain then how can we follow suit? In other words, how can we be active in helping others through their pain? This is a what would Jesus do moment; if he were here today how would he handle the pain our world currently experiences?

Memorize: *“He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?””*

Luke 24:25-26